OUR Precious CONVERSATIONS

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Heiwadai

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Please...

...accept my feelings.

ep. 1 Our Precious Conversations Begin

Hey, Azuma-kun... Why do boys tell boastful stories when no one's asked to hear them?
Well... if you don't tell your own stories, nobody knows to ask.

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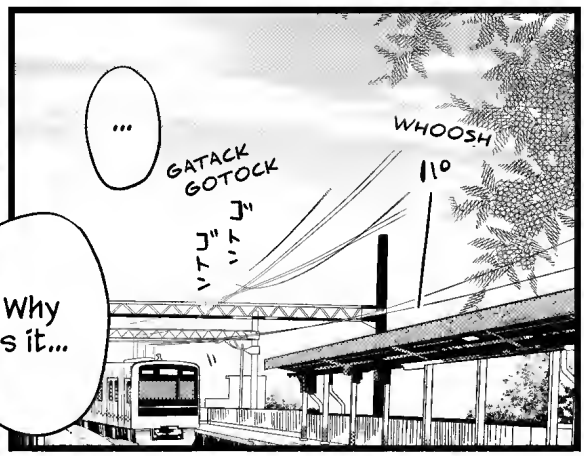
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*No Longer Human by Osamu Dazai

Why do they fight?
What's supposed to come of that?
Every last one of them was about fighting.
Just as one battle ended, instead of having people grow and change, a new battle would begin.
And why can they throw laser beams from their hands?

You say that,
but don't girls' comics do the same thing?
No matter the setting, it's always about some love affair.
Why does some unattractive protagonist always have two guys chasing after her, anyway?
And the guy and the girl get together in such a short span of time.
Plus, why does the guy always have to have some trauma or whatever to overcome?
But those are the good parts of *shojo* manga!
What could be more important?
...
Just kidding!
I don't really care about all of that.
If you don't care, why'd you interrupt me while I was reading?

Shiro Azuma-kun, second year, class four...
...I like you.
...
You are...
...Aizawa-san from class two, right?
Yes. Nozomi Aizawa.
Don't tell me...
...you followed me home from school just to say that?
...I did.
BA-DUM
BA-DUM

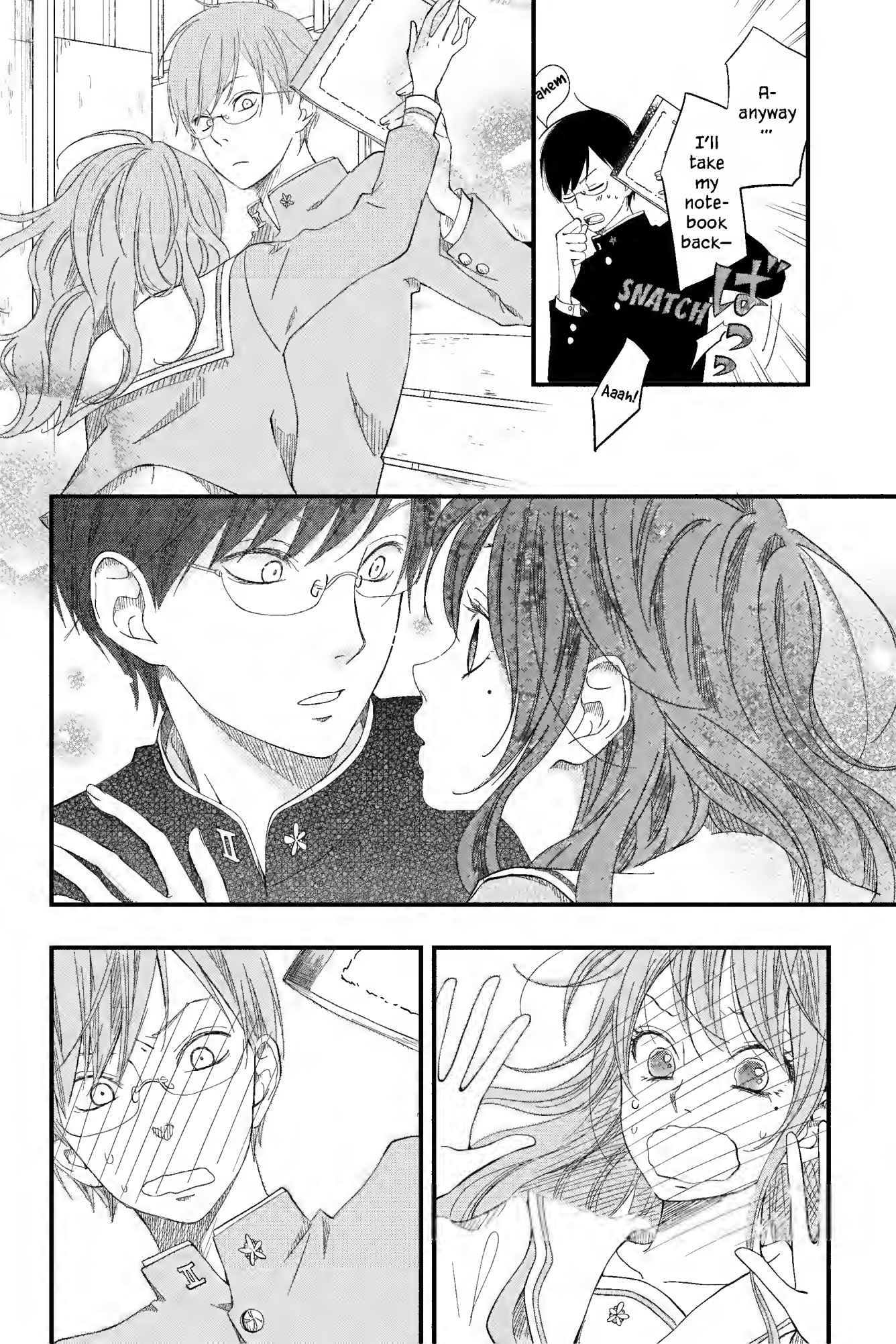
That's not very nice.
I'm... I'm so sorry.
I just... I had to tell you how I feel!
Even guys get scared when they're followed like that.
What if it's someone suspicious? Maybe it's someone who thinks I'm suspicious! Even if there's a one-in-a-thousand chance of something happening, it makes me nervous.
?!
肛門科・ふ科
You shouldn't do that, either.
Pursuing someone who's shown no interest in you is the **height of folly** for a woman.

...
Now, this is just my opinion...
...but just as an example, I collect Pocket Kingdom cards.
Pretty much all of my allowance for five years straight...
...went towards buying packs of them.
In all that time, the card I wanted most, the rarest of the rare, was the holofoil summer variant "Wholesnow."
POCKET KINGDOM
Wholesnow
And then, one day,
I saw one just sitting on the sidewalk outside the candy store.
That's right. I took it.
I was so happy, I skipped the whole way home.
W-well...
What do you think I did?
You took it, right?
Since you wanted it so badly...

I feel like receiving a love confession...
However, after that, it felt like I'd missed out on something important. My passion faded.
...is a lot like that.
Eventually, my mother packed away my Pocket Kingdom cards, and I haven't touched them since.
Basically, men live for the thrill of accomplishment. If we're just handed something, it's not satisfying at all.
Oh. I get it. You should've just said that in the first place.
...I see.
I'm sorry. I don't get what you're trying to say at all.

I...
...don't have much experience talking to boys.
I never really knew how to approach you or what I should say.
So all I did...
...was watch you from afar.
I'm sorry...
...if I scared you off.
Oh, no.
I mean...
...you didn't...
I wouldn't go that far...
All I could bring myself to do...

...was pick up the notebook you'd left in the science room or sneak into your classroom and take your pencils and erasers and things...
...or stuff like that...
I wanted to confess my feelings to you as soon as I could so at least I'd know if I was going to be rejected or not!
Here, I'll give back your notebook, too!
YOU HAVE AN ODDLY OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK HERE!
2-4 Shuro Azuma
Science
Stealing is wrong, you know!
I know that! I know!
No wonder my things have been going missing!
I just couldn't help myself!
Wait.
Did you really come here just to confess to me?
What did you think was going on?
Uh, yes? I told you that already, didn't I?
Urk!


Ahem
A-anyway…
I'll take my notebook back—
SNATCH
Aaah!

I'M... I'M SORRY!
WHAP!
N— No...
I was the one who pulled it out of your hands suddenly...
...
THUMP
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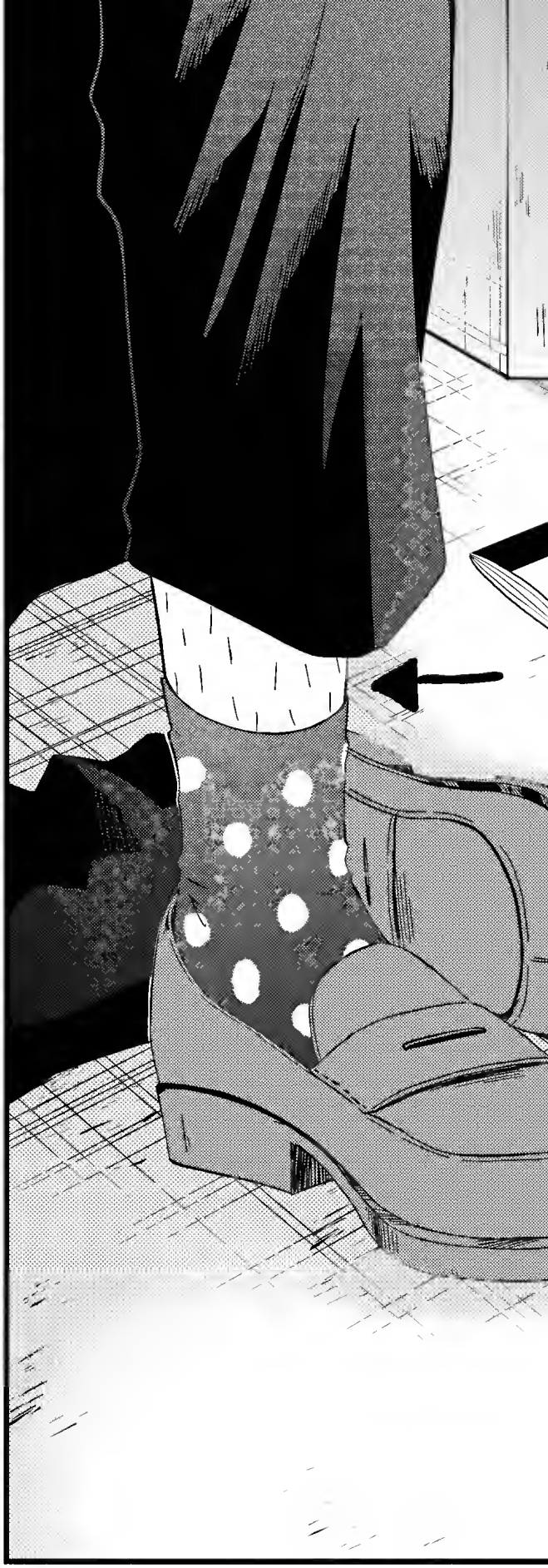
Azuma-kun... I feel like...
...my life has changed since I fell for you.

I was thinking ...
If you want... Maybe we...
...could be friends?



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SLUMP
...Aizawa-san?
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よしじま医院

I-I'm sorry...
Your leg hair... I mean, I...
HUH?
I remembered that I have to be somewhere.
Wait.
Somewhere?
Hey?
Aizawa-san?

The train is now arriving on platform two.
各停 本田木
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湯田
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TOBRIDGE
RING
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へいわ口
Hei
FWOOSH
...
Those wishing to board, please wait behind the white line.
pat
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pat
That's the first time in my life
I've ever had a long conver-sation with a girl...

She smelled kinda nice...
中央電鉄 へいわ台駅 Heiwadai Station
中央電鉄

I've decided to forget all about it.
The next day...
...I met Aizawa-san's eyes, but she turned away.

Azuma's sock report
Part one

Red with light blue polka dots
Ribbed cotton for a comfortable fit
A three-pack is ¥980*

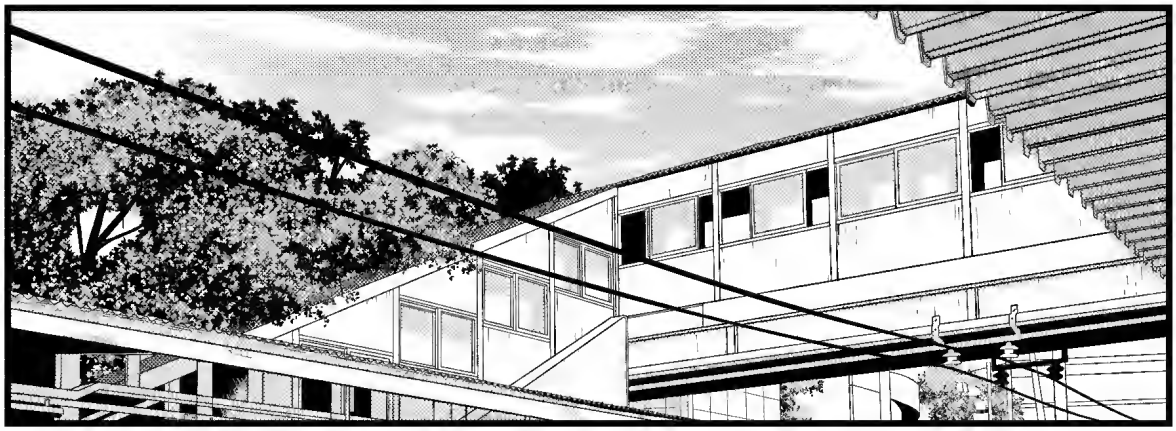
*Approximately $9.80

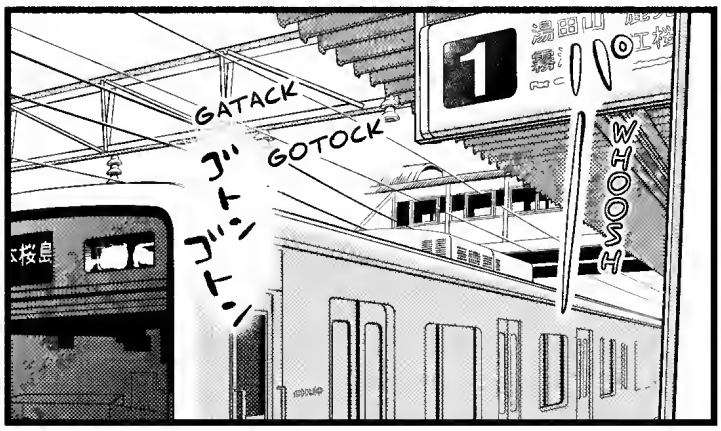
SPOILS of WAR
Most of the items stolen with love...
...were returned to Azuma-kun.
Science
24
Shiro Azuma
I couldn't admit I stole his lip balm, too!
It's still unused, but...
...it looks so good!
I'm sorry!

The moment she got it:
Azuma-kun dropped his lip balm!
Whoa!
It's Azuma-kun's lip balm!

*Leadership and Self-Deception: Getting Out of the Box

And now, an update from the previous chapter!
Aizawa-san, who had fallen in love with Azuma-kun, became somewhat disillusioned after seeing his leg hair.
However, today on the train, he saved her from a molester, and she fell in love anew.

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Why are women...
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*War and Peace

Before I fell in love with you, I...
I didn't think I'd ever become this kind of person.
I know I shouldn't, yet I persist in chasing after you.
I still long to hear your voice.
I don't mean to be such a bother...
お願い

So...
Why is it, do you think, that women are so pathetic?
Or is it that...
...anyone who falls in love turns out this way?
Aren't you just letting yourself off the hook?
戦争と平和

Oh, were you listening this whole time?
Unfortunately, these earbuds were designed with user safety in mind, so they're not great at isolating noise.

Why is it you say you want to lose weight but then eat sweets?
Or apologize but then continue on with a long, loud conversation?
It's because you coddle yourself, acting like everything's okay. And by treating yourself like that, you force everyone around you to accept it, too.

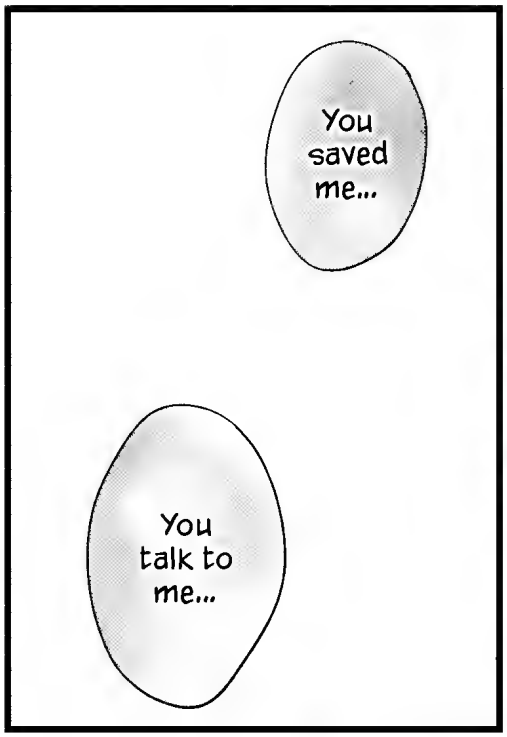
I can't believe it. Not only did you follow me again, you sat next to me and blathered on and on...
That you still do it even though you know it's wrong is likely because you think it's not actually that bad a thing to do.
Frankly, I've never met a woman who could exercise even the slightest bit of self-restraint.

Then exercise some restraint.
THAT'S... THAT'S NOT TRUE! THE REGRET YOU FEEL AFTER EATING SWEETS IS REALLY STRONG, YOU KNOW!
IMPOSSIBLE! THEY'RE SO TASTY.

...You're the one who's been avoiding me since the last time we had a conversation here.
Why'd you want to see me all of a sudden?
That's... That's not it. I've been dying to talk to you, but I couldn't bring myself to do it.
And then you saved me on the train this morning, and I was just so happy...
...I'm sorry I avoided you.
When I saw your... lower half...
It was just... surprising.
It...kinda ruined the mood a bit.

Did you just come here to add insult to injury?!
Aaah!
No! It was a simple mistake!
I just... The mismatch between what I'd imagined and what I saw was too much to bear!
sigh...
What nonsense are you—
Okay, you know what? This is exactly what I was talking about!
You women go too easy on yourselves!
You change your minds on a whim, swayed by these all-important feelings of yours.
You'll go home with a guy and then say, "Actually, I can't today! ♡"
Or you'll be happy throughout dinner, then sour into a bad mood right after!
It's like your whole personality changes!
Hey, Azuma-kun...? Calm down, okay?
Of course not! I've never even dated anyone!
These scenarios are oddly specific... Have you had a bad experience before?
It's all my imagi-nation!

Still... I bet the girl would have good reasons for doing those things!
Like maybe she was wearing underwear that wasn't very cute.
Or maybe she looked at her face in a mirror and thought she looked bad!
Now you're the one being oddly specific!
I'm just making it up, too!
But as a girl, I feel like I understand why someone might do that.
Maybe she just didn't feel like it!
That's supposed to help me understand why?!
Sigh... I've been thinking about this for a while, you know.
I just can't believe women like you come from the same *planet* as me.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You talk to me...

Then ...
...why not just avoid us?
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金土 9:0
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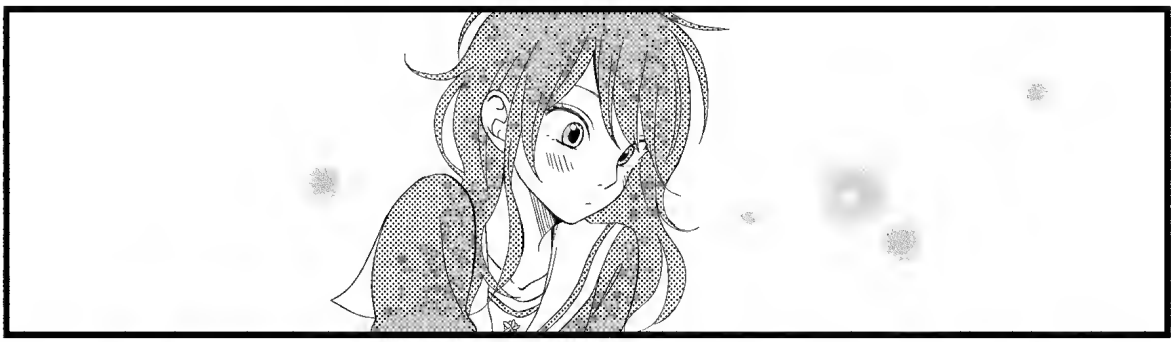
It...
...gives me hope.

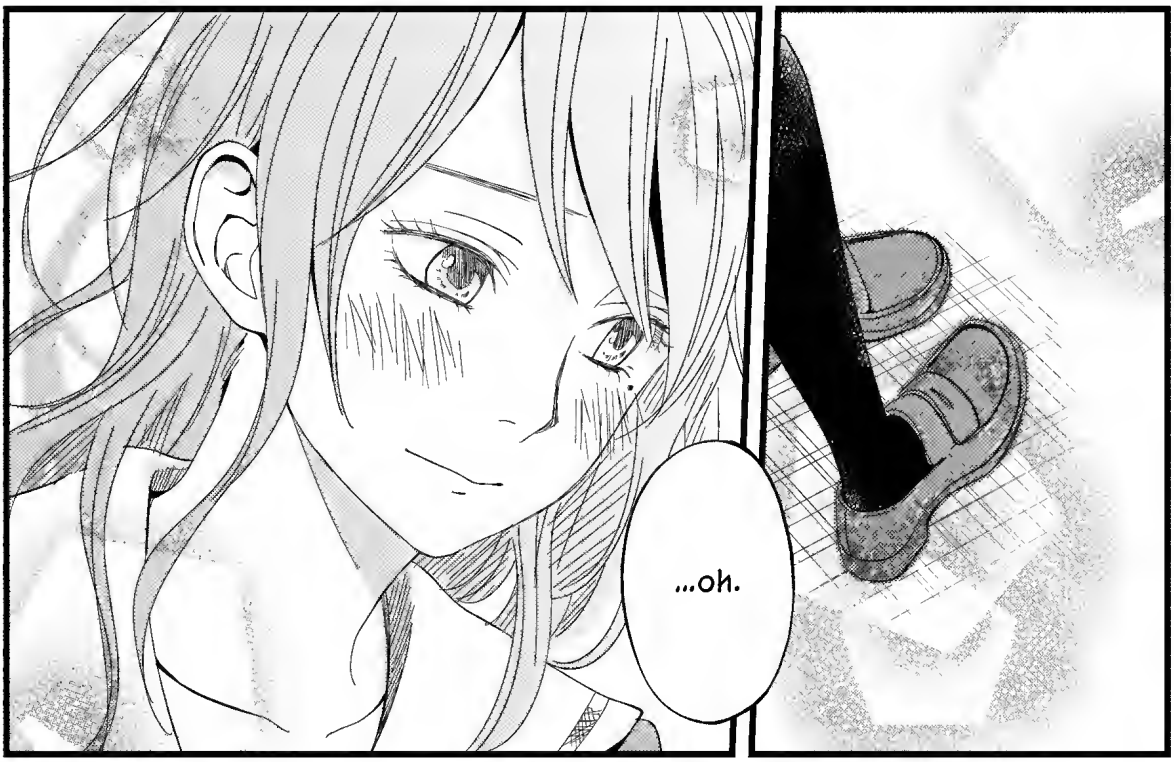
Well ...
I can't just ignore you, can I?
That'd be rude.

...even if you're a girl...
...even if you say silly things...
...
DISAPPOINTED
...I suppose.
However ...
FWOOSH
...I don't want to put an end to our conversations.

So...
If I one-sidedly decide to cut off communication, isn't that a wasted opportunity?
Even if we are from different planets...
...words bridge that gap.
収穫祭
運行のお知らせ

Besides,
the things you talk about...
They're so far removed from what I'd think about... it's fun.

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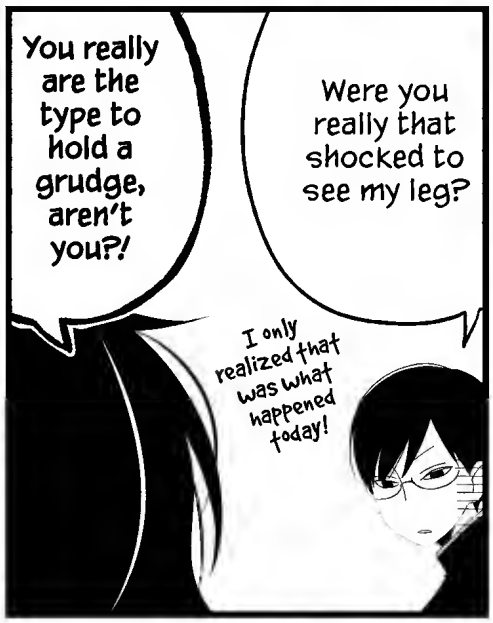
You really are the type to hold a grudge, aren't you?!
Were you really that shocked to see my leg?
I only realized that was what happened today!

I'm not really that good at conversation, so I can't ever really remember what I want to say.
Don't worry. I won't forget what we're talking about.
I just get so nervous...
Ha ha ha
Heh heh heh...

...Azuma-kun.
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GOTOCK

FLOOSH
Let's be frien—
...have a fresh start?
Why don't we...

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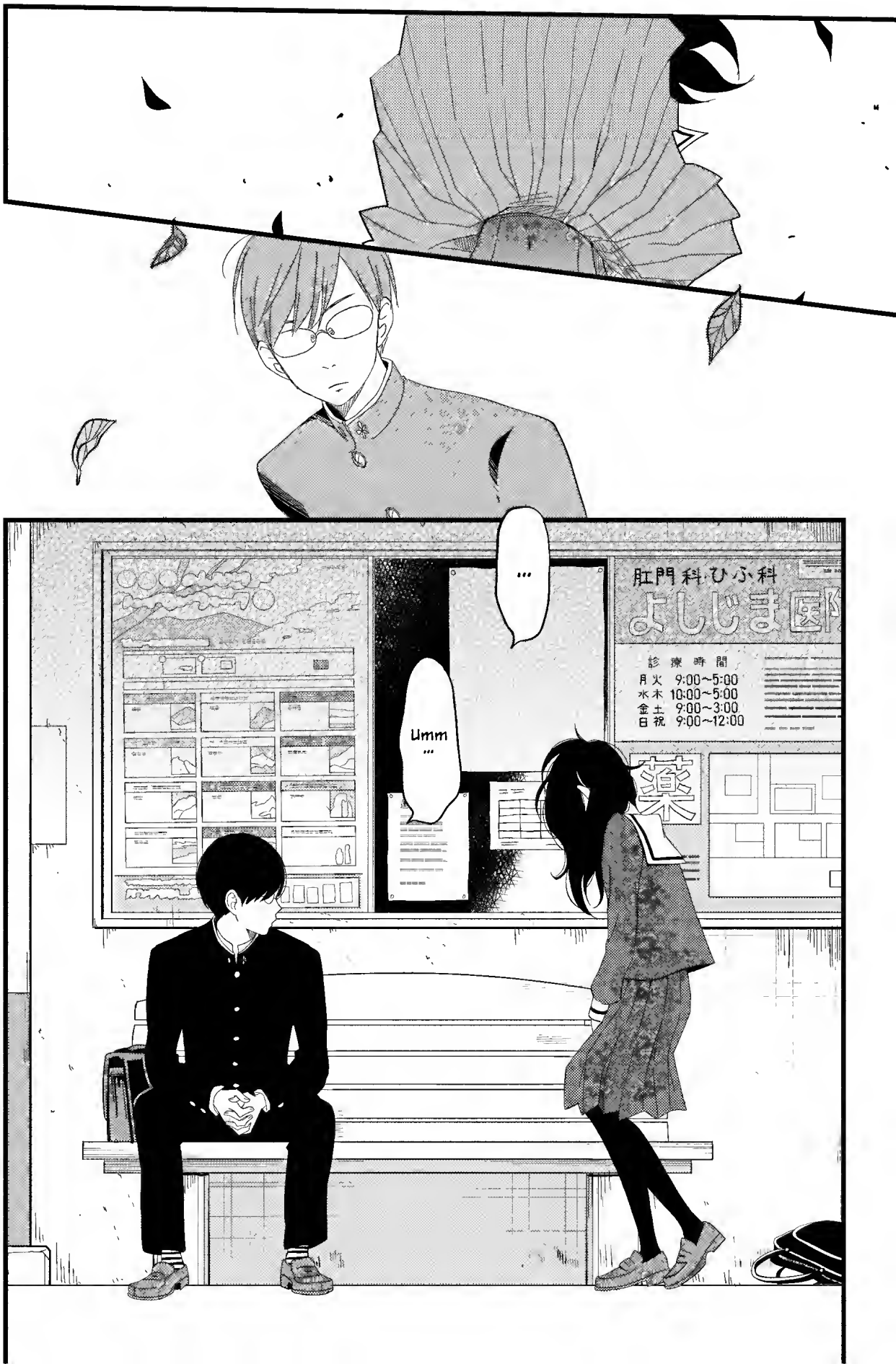
EXPRESS
WHOOO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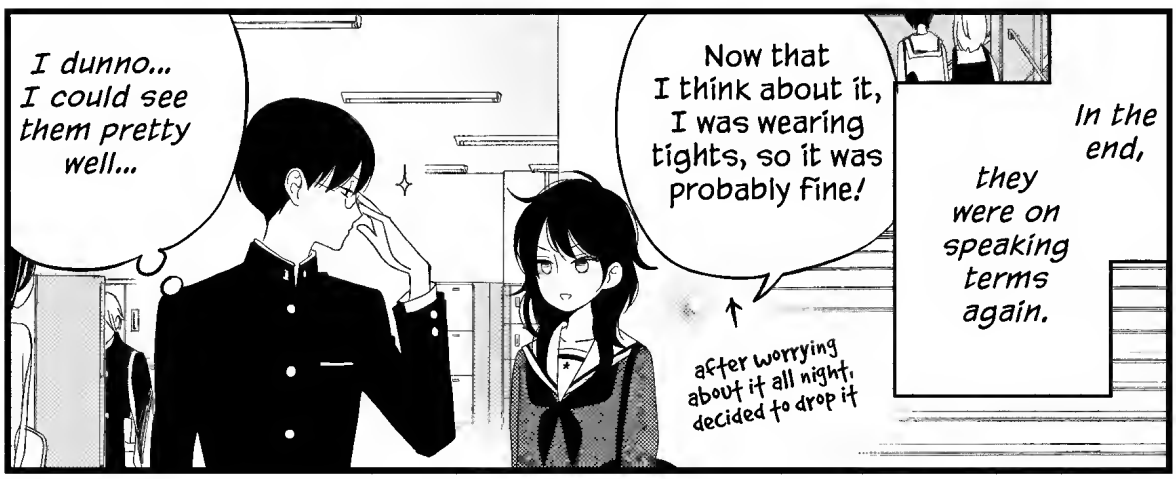
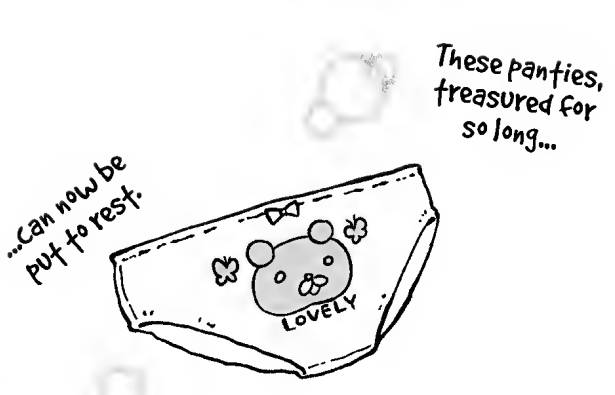
What underw— I mean, what were we talking about?

Aaaah!
WAIT! IT'S OKAY! IT'S OKAY!
Piss off!
DASH
I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU!


I dunno... I could see them pretty well...
Now that I think about it, I was wearing tights, so it was probably fine!
after worrying about it all night, decided to drop it
In the end, they were on speaking terms again.


These panties, treasured for so long...
...can now be put to rest.
LOVELY

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
But why? Then again, I guess girls are pretty frantic about removing unwanted hair... Could it be that they really hate hair that much?
It's gotta be the leg hair. I guess girls freak out when they see it?
I guess the key really is "unwanted" hair... But which hair is unwanted?!
Ahh!
But where does that leave beards?! I thought bearded men were supposed to be popular!

He suddenly realized how hardcore girls really are.
duct tape
So then he tried removing it...
OW!
RIIIP

ep. 3 Women's Worries Mix Them Up Like Natto

And now, an update from the previous chapter!
Aizawa-san was in love with Azuma-kun, who accidentally saw her panties. Now they're friends.
However, today at school,
Aizawa-san witnessed something rather shocking!

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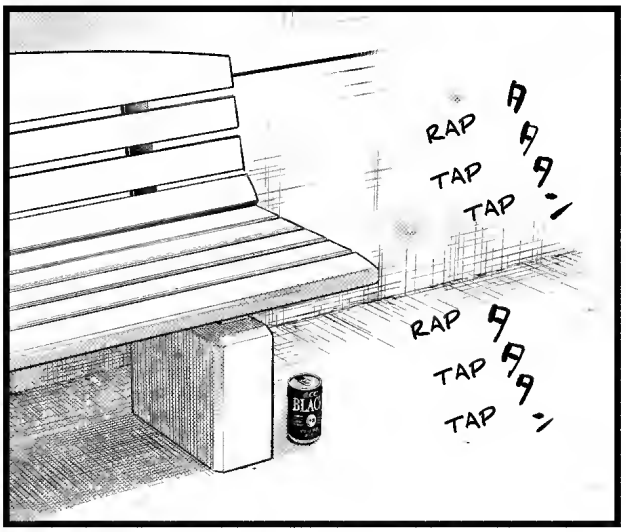
Hey...
Azuma-kun.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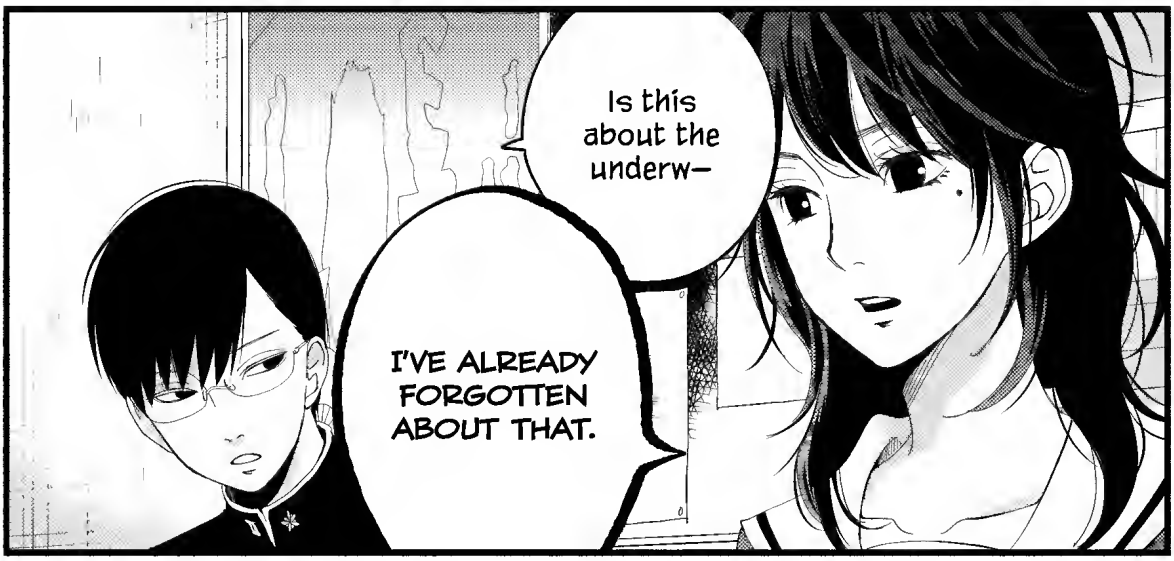
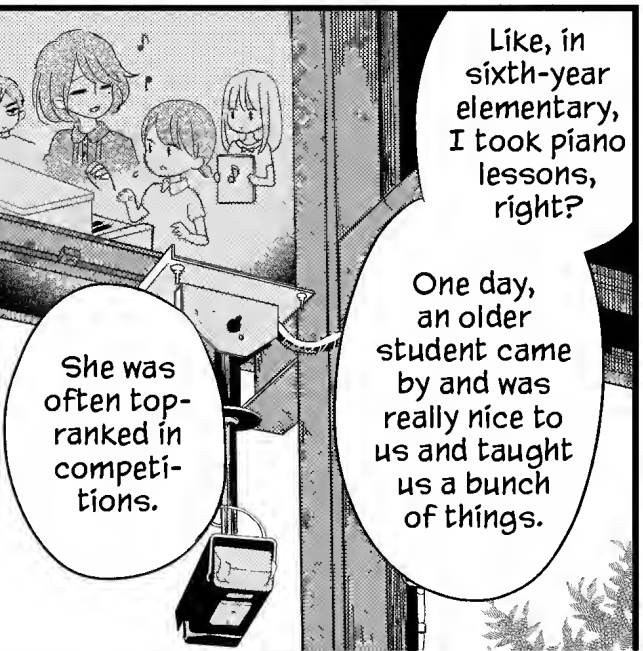
*How to Win Friends and Influence People


Is this about the underw—
I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT.

Hmm... Can't really say I have any.
I see. Some of mine are so embarrassing, I could die.

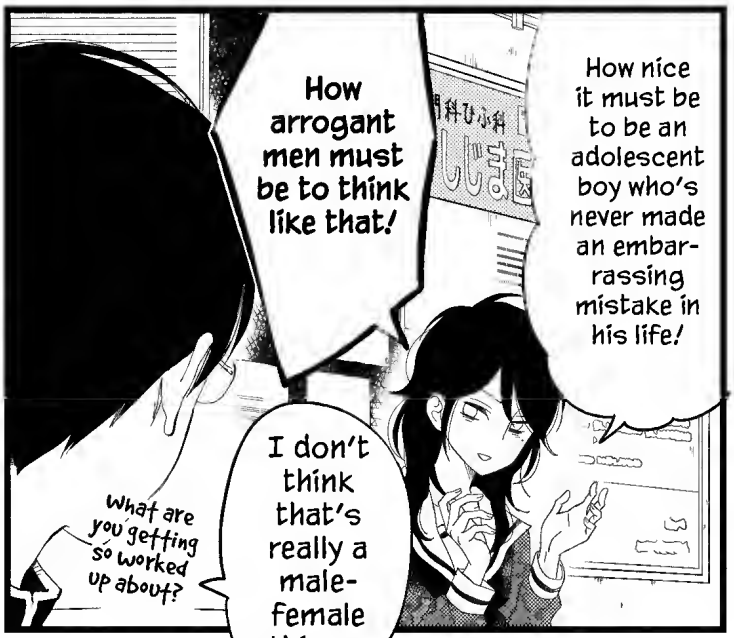
Like, maybe you accidentally used the wrong word...
Or maybe you mistook somebody for someone else...
Things you really wish you could forget, but can't.

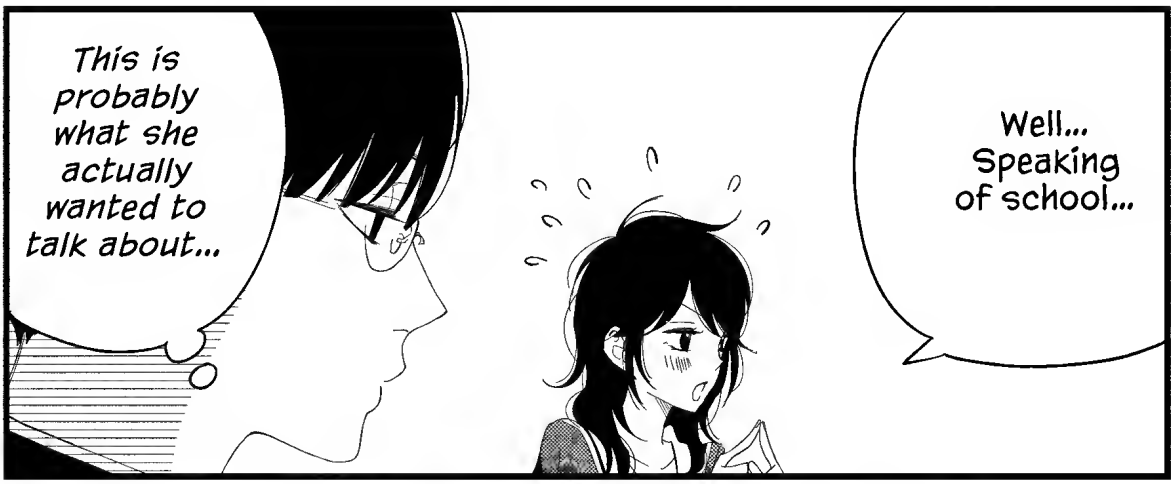

Like, in sixth-year elementary, I took piano lessons, right?
One day, an older student came by and was really nice to us and taught us a bunch of things.
She was often top-ranked in competitions.

Everyone makes mistakes like that sometimes.
First of all, it's not like the other person is going to remember something like that.
Dwelling on it is just being excessively self-conscious.

It's just, when I remember what I was like back then...
...and how I just wanted to get rid of that annoying, uppity little...!
Aaah... She was really such a nice person, though!
Hey! Get ahold of yourself, Aizawa-san!

You know... You seem to really like having conversations out here.
But you never talk to me at school.


How arrogant men must be to think like that!
How nice it must be to be an adolescent boy who's never made an embarrassing mistake in his life!
What are you getting so worked up about?
I don't think that's really a male-female thing...


Well... Speaking of school...
This is probably what she actually wanted to talk about...

Lately, we've gotten to the point where we're at least close enough to greet each other at school.
Yes, that's true.
Well, that made me notice something...

Surprisingly, you have a *lot* of friends.

...and today...
During breaks, you're always having fun with your classmates.
Azuma-kun.
I recently saw you talking with some upper-classmen...
BA-DUM
ドキ
ドキ
BA-DUM
Nozo-min~! Let's go!
...there was one girl who was really close to you.
Aizawa-san's focal point
...
FLASH
It just felt like you have such a wide circle of friends!
I really admire that!

SIGH
...So, it begins.
YOU'RE VETTING ME.
That way you can carefully inspect his actions and then accept or reject them!
YOU WANT TO CONTROL HIS VERY PERSONALITY!
BA-DUMP
That- That's not-
I know the tricks you women play.
At first, you'll pretend to be all meek and agreeable so you can get close...
...and wait for the boy to lower his guard...

Huh?
That's... not what I—
What gives you women the right to judge a man's actions, huh?!
This is wrong! That's wrong, too!
What is it? You're on your period? You're depressed? Don't think your excuses will work on me!
In the end, you women swap gossip with each other indiscriminately!
E... excuse me...
Azuma-kun...?
It's already begun! The women-run, by-women-for-women court of opinion!
And the defendant is tried in absentia!
Azuma-kun... are you sure you don't have some kind of traumatic history with girls?
No. I don't. Really.
This is just something I've learned from observation.
AHEM!
I can't imagine what else would push you to such lengths!
I must have made a mistake...
But I just couldn't stop thinking about it!
Aizawa-san has been worried because ...

...she can't bring herself to talk to him.
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
I...
I want to...!
...at school...
Oh! Azuma-kun is talking to a girl?
Nozomin~! Hurry up, or I'm gonna hit you!
Why can't I do it at school?
And on top of that, if he finds out I'm jealous of other girls, he'll dislike me for sure!
WORRY
WORRY
I mean, I've never really done anything more than just exchange greetings, have I?
And he looked like he was enjoying himself, talking with that girl...
I couldn't really...
...express my thoughts clearly.
Ed.: They are not.
I wonder if all men are like this?
He's not refusing to talk about it, but he's also not one-sidedly driving his point home.
It looks like he's finished with the topic for now...

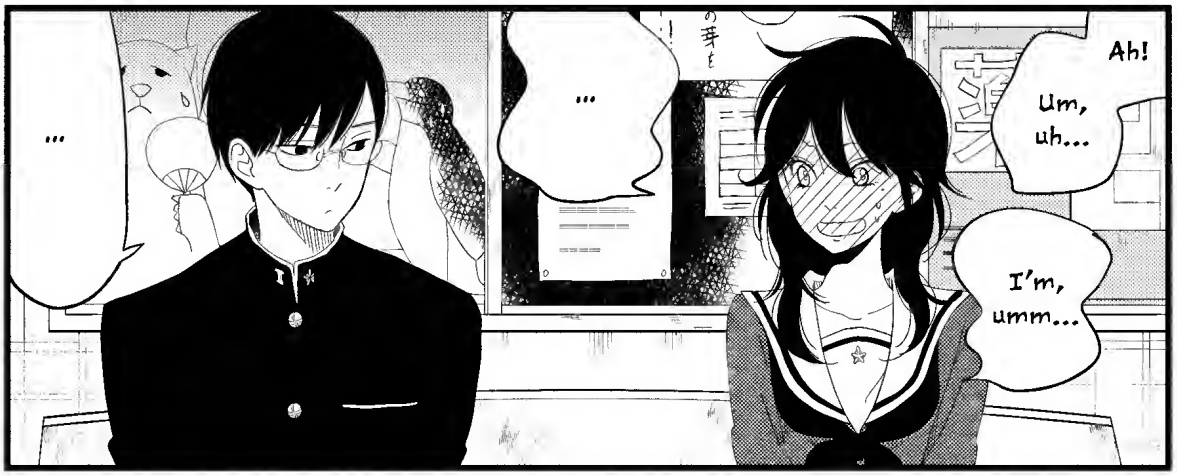
He said before that he felt like men and women were from entirely different planets.
Even if we are from different planets...
Azuma-kun...
...like he's from a very faraway place.
It certainly feels...
I think he might be right.
...

...Why?
She looks so depressed. But why?
ストップ温暖化
GLOOM
ずーん
...
Calm down. The reason is probably a simple one.
Judging from her earlier state, it's probably because of...
...me.
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
ドキドキ

If it's my fault anyway...
...I'll just have to fix it!
I know what this is.
This is that thing girls do where they're like, "Figure it out! You're supposed to know without me telling you!"
How arrogant of them!
But if it affected her that much, why didn't she say anything to me about it?
もん
WORRY
もん
WORRY
どんより
depressed
Well, fine.
BA-DUM!
ドキッ
Aizawa-san.
Y-yes?

"So my neighbors put up a new fence the other day..."
"Did they picket out themselves?"
Looks like I didn't need a joke to lighten the mood after all...
What was that all about?
Why tell jokes all of a sudden?
What cold eyes she has...
Whatever. Time to dig to the root of the issue.
You know, if you're worried about some-thing...
...I'm always here to listen.

You just seemed sad today.
Hm? Am I wrong?
日祝 9:00~12:00
Huh?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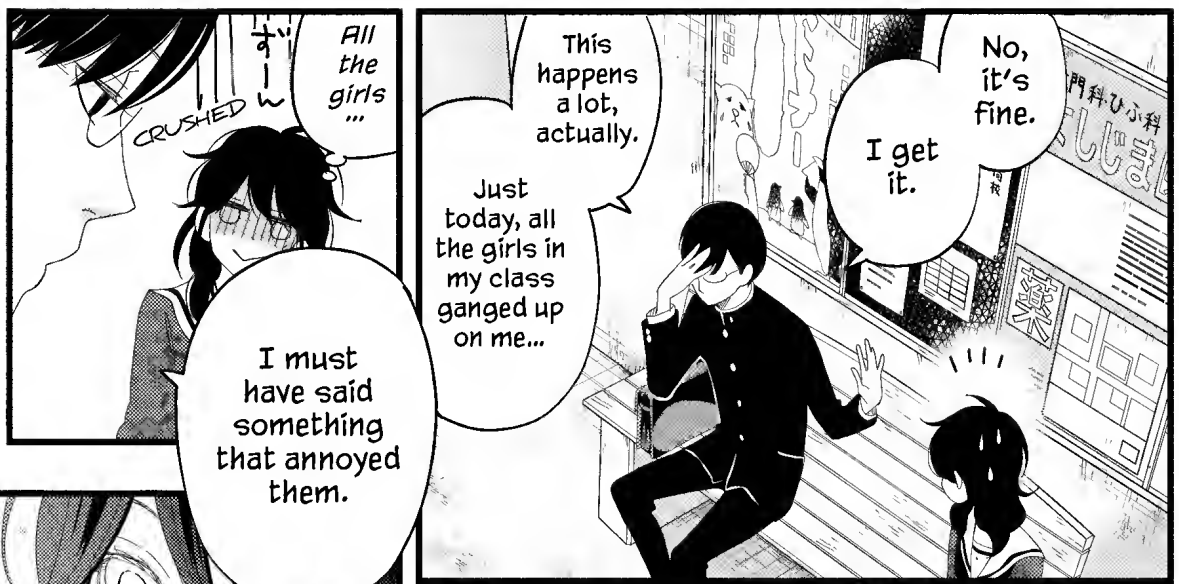
Ah!
Um, uh...
I'm, umm...


All the girls...
CRUSHED
I must have said something that annoyed them.
This happens a lot, actually.
Just today, all the girls in my class ganged up on me...
No, it's fine.
I get it.
薬

O-oh!
I'm sorry...
Now, I'm not trying to make excuses by saying this...
...but I have the bad habit of getting a bit worked up when I talk.

Trust me. It wasn't my intention to provoke you with something I said.

What I was saying before was a generalization based on my observations. Obviously, there will be individual differences.
I didn't mean to lump you in with that generalization.
Could it be...

...that he...
...was concerned...
...about me...?
第27回 平和台高校
収穫祭
肛門科・ひふ科
よしじま
診療時間
月火 9:00~5:00
水木 10:00~5:00
金土 9:00~3:00
日祝 9:00~12:00
薬
ドキ BA-DUM
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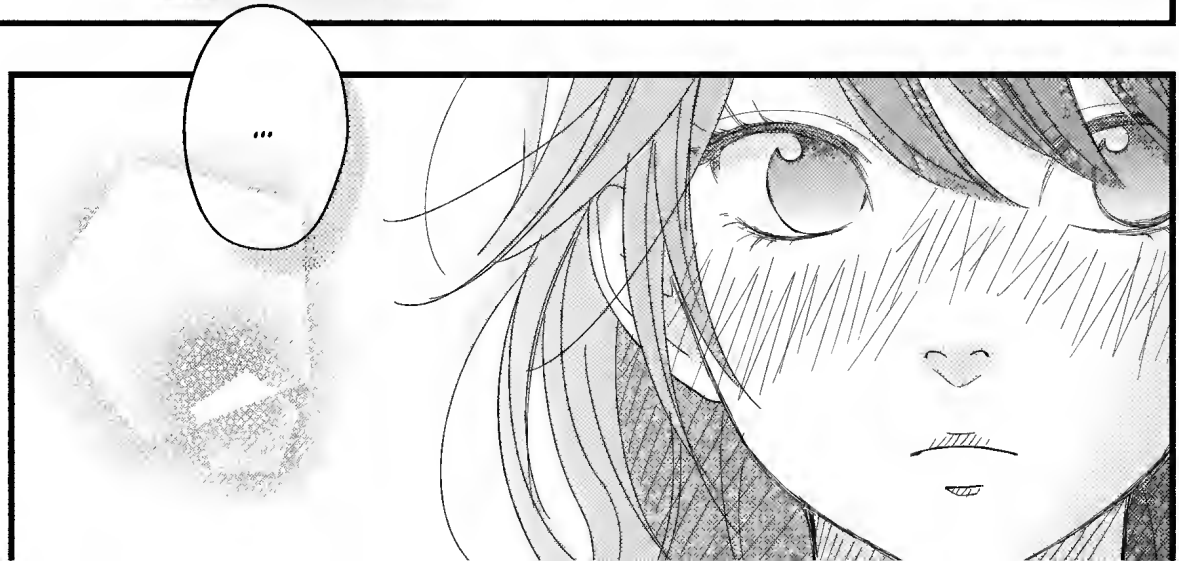
ドキ BA-DUM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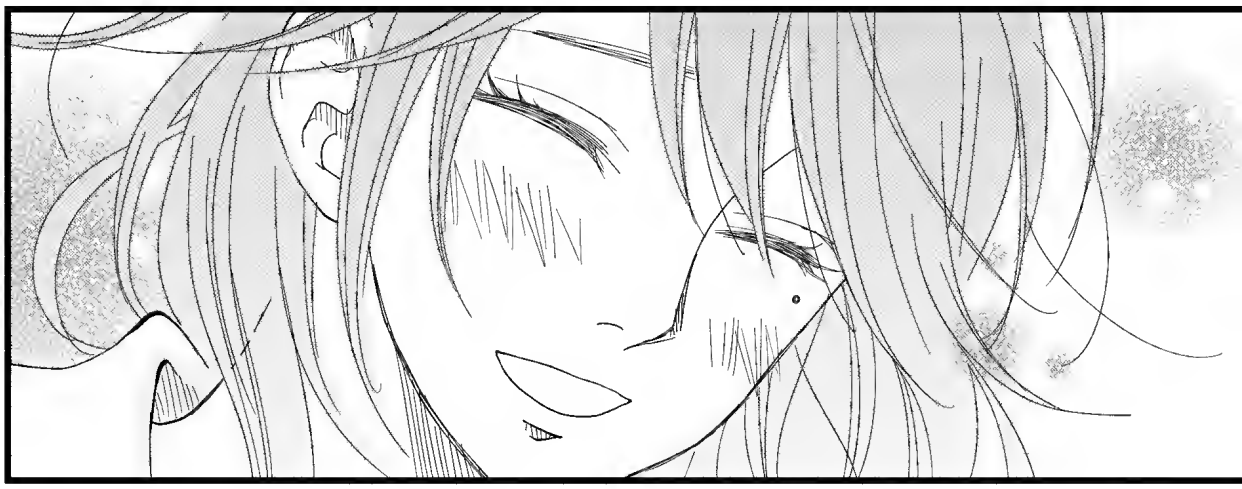
BA-DUM!
Ah?!

TURN

I seem to have gotten a bit off track.
Maybe if you could just give me a hint, I could at least clear up any misconceptions.



...Sorry. It's got nothing to do with you, Azuma-kun.
It's just that something at school kinda got me down.
Oh, is that it?
Yeah.
But I'm feeling better now.
Anyway, I was thinking...
I want to be friendlier towards you.
Even at school!

Hm?
The girl I'm on best terms with...
...is you, you know?
None of my conversations with girls at school have lasted more than a few minutes.
They usually just get mad at me.
...!

The train is now arriving on platform one.
DING DING
GATACK GOTOCK
WHOOSH
各停 本田木
Oh! The train's here!

See you later, then.
Yeah.
At school!
... Yeah.

...I don't buy it.
Huh?
!!!!
CLACK
7°
HISS
I thought you'd recov-ered...
...but now you're acting odd again.
I-I mean ...
I'm trying to hide this silly smile!
I'm just so happy!
TWITCH
You're very irritable, and you keep switching between being depressed and being cheerful.
The doors will now close. Please remain behind the white line.
It's almost as if...
AH!
はっ
FLASH

Excuse me...
Might you be on your period?
I understand it's very difficult for you women...
NO.

The rise and fall of a woman's moods remains mysterious.
Why can girls claim PMS with impunity, but when I say it, they get mad?
The girls ganged up on me again.
Azuma-kun. You've never heard of "tact" in your life, have you?
The issue remains forever unsolved.

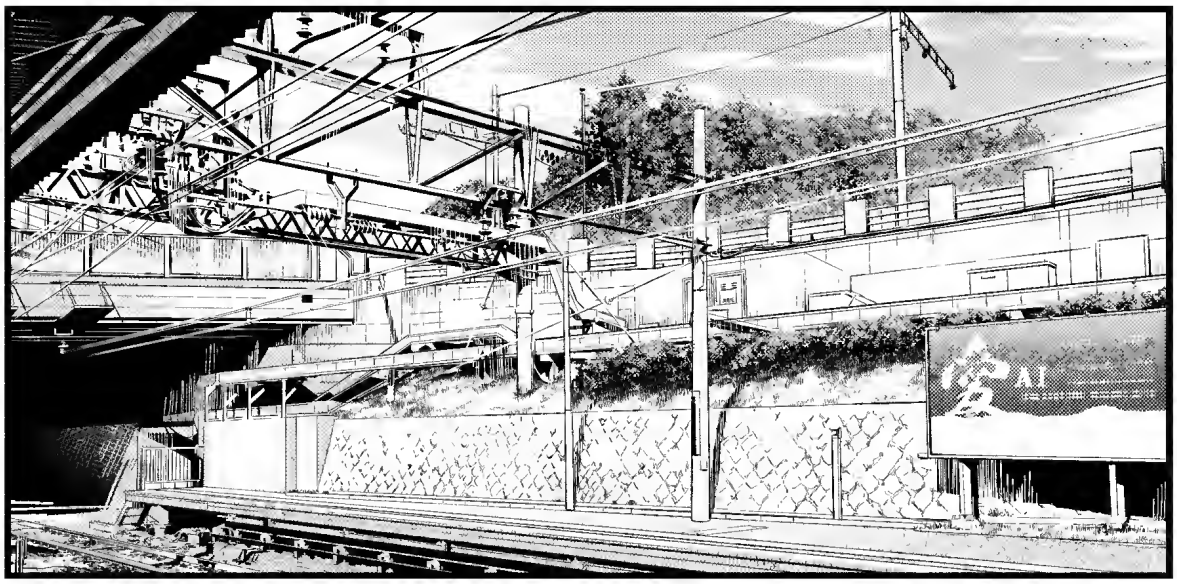
CHALLENGER
...
Ah ha ha! You really shouldn't say things like that, Azuma-kun!
Aizawa-san laughs a lot when we talk.
Aizawa-san.
What's a mattress's favorite sport?
'Ress-ling.
However, light wordplay is judged rather harshly.
What are you talking about?
Um, I mean, a mat-tress—
No, I get it. But just why the hell are you telling bad jokes right now?
... Sorry.
Although, her acting like that did help to calm my nerves.

Sorry, Mikey.
PFFT! HA!

ep. 4 A Boy's Consultation

*Confessions

OH 03
へいわ台
へいわだい
Heiwadai
平和台高校入口
OH 04
隣野
Tonarino
つぶ貝
Tsubukai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AZUMA

Today in home ec, we made cookies.
I wonder if Azuma-kun will eat them...?
ステリーが
Hm?
You want to give me these handmade cookies?
Thank you, Aizawa-san! They're delicious!
URGH
No! There's no way Azuma-kun is the kind of person who'd accept them so easily.
...
Actually, I have something else to say. Aizawa-san, I...
GULP

You want to give me these handmade cookies?
Hm?
Sorry, but I won't be won over with such cheap tactics. Firstly, why is it that women give away things covered in their dirty fingerprints, huh? Not only that, but I look like the bad guy if I refuse them!
Ha ha! I see. "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," is it?

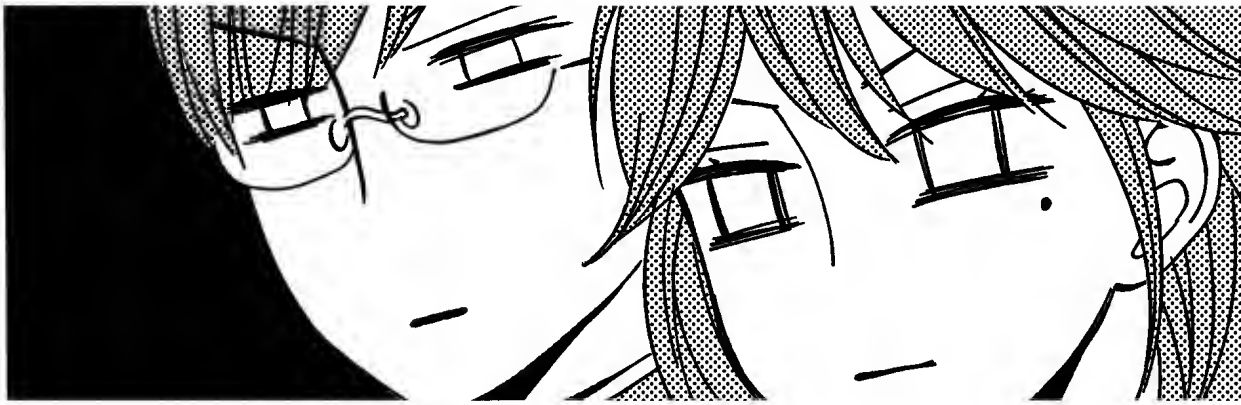
Hey, Aizawa-san.
ばばっ
BA DUM
JOLT
A-A-Azuma-kun! You're late!
That's it! If I put them in his locker at school...
FLASH!
Is this the female version of marking territory?
Look! Right here!
Illustration: Shut up and eat.
How can I make him accept them, then...?
Like that!
He'll definitely say something like that! That boy's logic is just so twisted!

Um... hello.
Who's that?
I think I recognize him...
Hm?
Wh— Hey, isn't that Aizawa-san?
WHISPER
Azuma, you never said you were friends with Aizawa-san!

Let me introduce you. Aizawa-san, this is Caffeine, a friend of mine.
Um... hi.
My name's Takahashi. Nice to meet you.
His nickname is Caffeine because his parents met in a coffee shop.
Ah... hi.
Oh, I know. I see him and Azuma-kun together a lot.
He said he'd been worried about something lately...
STARE
...so I told him we could talk about it on the way home together.
Oh! Hey, Aizawa-san! If you're okay with it, why don't we both hear him out?
Azuma wants help from me?!
O-of course! If you think I can help, I'll do everything I can!
You did say you wanted a girl's perspective, too, right, Caffeine?
Um, yeah. If you'll listen, I'd appreciate it.
I'll do my best!
...
このミステリーがすごい

So, what is it you're concerned about?
EXCITED
Well...
I haven't heard yet, either.
It's about my girlfriend...
Aah!
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?!
It's relationship trouble!
RUMBLE
THOUGH I, TOO, HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN DATING, I HAVE LONG YEARS OF RESEARCH INTO THE MINDSET AND METHODS OF WOMEN!
OKAY, DON'T WORRY!
This mystery is great.
RUMBLE
COME, CAFFEINE! DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW SHE FEELS? WHERE TO TAKE HER?!
MAYBE I DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN DATING, BUT I'M A GIRL, TOO!
PLEASE UNBURDEN YOURSELF WITH NO RESERVATIONS!
I CAN TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF A LOVE-STRUCK GIRL!
RUMBLE

Well, the thing is...
...she seems to be cheating on me.



Dump her.
I agree. It's best to break things off.
You think so?
I thought you'd say that.
Especially you, Azuma.
Ha ha ha

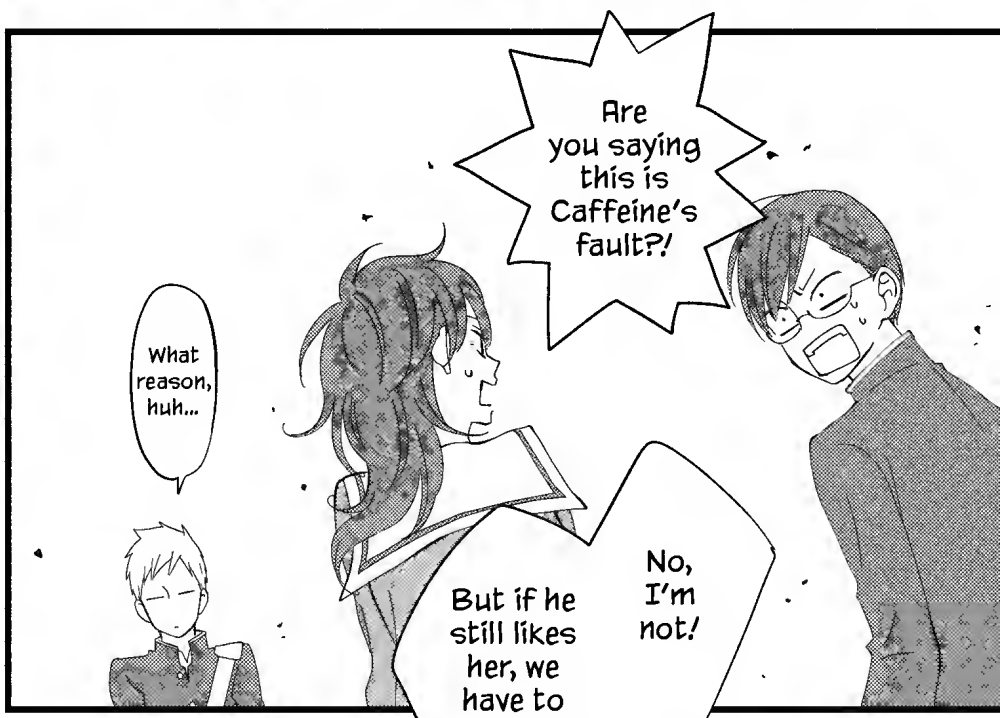
えりな Erina
yuji
I luvvv you!
CU tomorrow!
19:31
This is Takuya(lol)
Read 19:32
She sent me a message meant for someone else.
She even tried to cover it up with a cute sticker!
Caught red handed!
YOU'RE LAUGHING AT A TIME LIKE THIS?! SHE'S CHEATING ON YOU, YOU KNOW!
C... come on, Azuma-kun! Calm down.
Is there any chance you might be mistaken, Caffeine-kun?
Don't sit in the middle of the path! You're in the way.
Well ...
There was this thing yester-day...
Sheesh. I'll get up if anyone comes.
Yeah... I figured...
Man, it sucks...
I always thought she was so nice... so gentle and pure.
She was always bringing me hand-made gifts and things.
Even though we go to different schools.
Hmph!
If she was truly pure, she wouldn't cheat!
That's right. Unfortunately, so far, I don't see anything that justifies it.

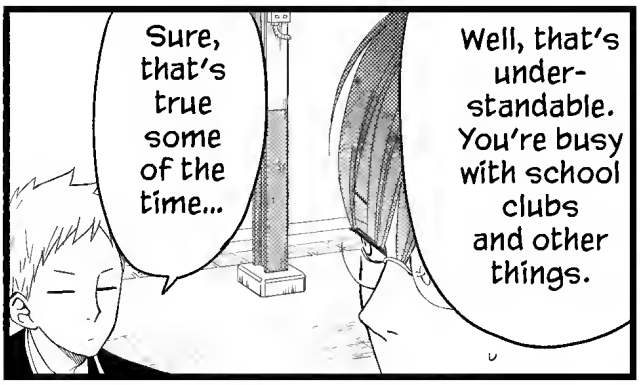
Anyway, the issue is that you don't actually want to break up with her, right?
In that case, why don't we think about what might've caused her feelings for you to waver?
Let's try to figure that out first.

First off, "handmade" is the signature of overly arrogant girls.
Don't you agree, Aizawa-san?

I DON'T AGREE! I THINK IT'S A SIGN OF KINDNESS FROM A GENTLE SOUL!
WHAT'S THAT LOOK FOR?!
GLARE

Ah!


Are you saying this is Caffeine's fault?!
What reason, huh...
No, I'm not!
But if he still likes her, we have to know!


Sure, that's true some of the time...
Well, that's understandable. You're busy with school clubs and other things.

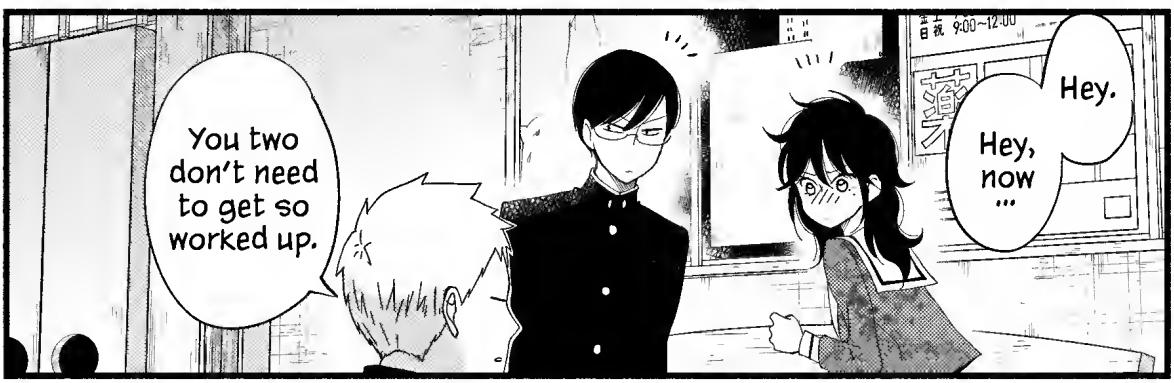
Well, recently ...
She kept getting mad at me for not answering her texts.

...but mostly, her texts are just really hard to reply to, you know?
While I'm thinking about how to reply, I'll fall asleep.
I ate strawberries Mika and Yuriri ey were uper yum!
It's a diary entry!
Totally a diary entry!

She'll just talk about how she went someplace with somebody and did some other thing...
Never anybody I know.
Is it really so bad that I don't reply?
Yes, you're in the wrong here.
You should reply with "Sounds fun!" or "How was it?" or something like that.
H...hey, hold up a second.

What's the point of such a conversation?
NOTHING, REALLY.
I see...
She's just sharing the things she did or enjoyed that day.
All you need to do is acknowledge that.
Uh, here's another thing.
Sometimes when we meet up, she'll ask, "What are you thinking about?" or "What do you think of me?"
I never really get what she's trying to ask.
She wants an affirmation of the love you share.
If you love her, you should be able to respond instantly.
WHOA! WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!
How's he supposed to know what she's thinking?!
Are men supposed to be psychic?
That's beyond unreasonable.
It's not hard if you just put yourself in the other person's shoes for a second.
If you can't do something that simple, she's going to assume you're not properly considering her feelings.

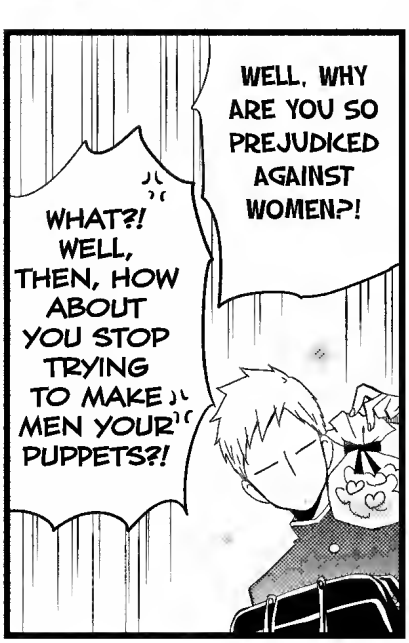
HERE WE GO! WHY IS IT YOU WOMEN HAVE TO PUT US THROUGH TESTS AND TRIALS?!
IT SEEMS LIKE AS SOON AS YOU START DATING, THE MAN IS STUCK WALKING A TIGHTROPE THE ENTIRE TIME!
And any mistake spells certain doom!
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK! YOU'VE NEVER EVEN DATED ANYONE!
OKAY, FINE! THEN WHY IS IT THAT BOYS PROPERLY COMMUNICATE BEFORE YOU'RE DATING...
...BUT ONCE YOU START, THEY STOP?! THIS IS WHY GIRLS START TO FEEL SO UNCERTAIN!
It's a bait-and-switch!
YOU HAVEN'T DATED ANYONE, EITHER!


You two don't need to get so worked up.
Hey.
Hey, now ...

It's fine.
My bad.
... Yeah.
Sorry about that.

Empathize with her all you want, but...
That's... true.
...it's obvious you should break things off with that "handmade gifts" girl.
チーン
DING

I still don't like it.
Even if we assume by some miracle Caffeine is at fault here,
that doesn't excuse his girlfriend's behavior.


WELL, WHY ARE YOU SO PREJUDICED AGAINST WOMEN?!
WHAT?! WELL, THEN, HOW ABOUT YOU STOP TRYING TO MAKE MEN YOUR PUPPETS?!

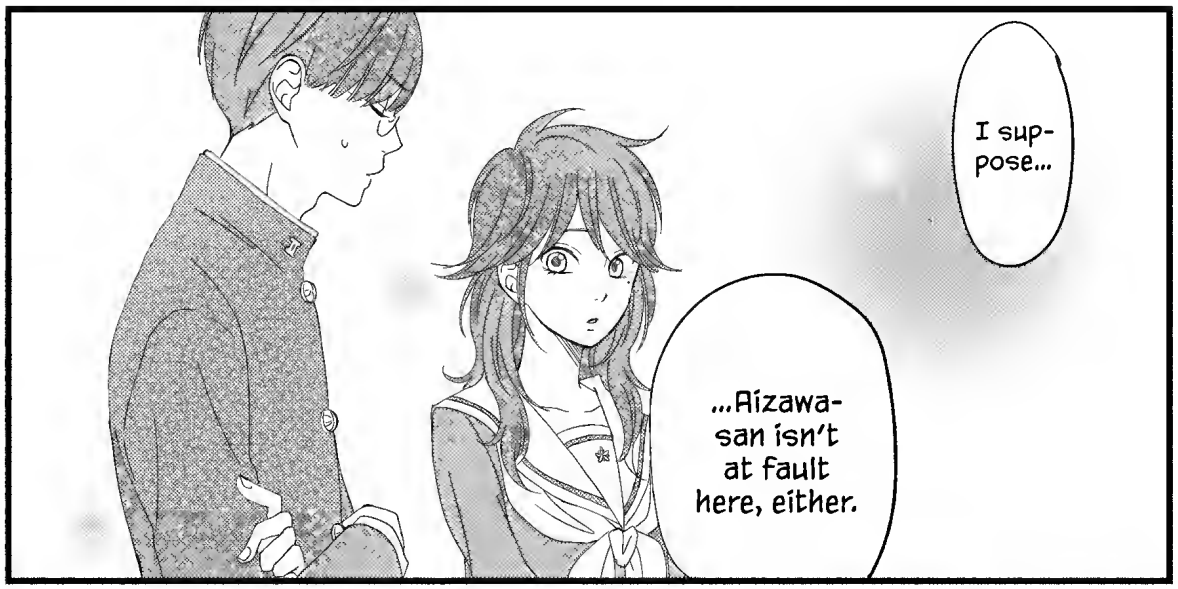
I don't get why you're so touchy about this!
WHAT THE HELL DO "HANDMADE GIFTS" HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?!
SNAP
くわっ
JUMP
ビクッ

AND WE MEN AREN'T JUST GOING TO DO WHAT YOU TELL US TO DO ALL THE TIME!
NOT ALL WOMEN ARE HOW YOU ASSUME THEM TO BE!
Hey, cool it!
Hey, now!

And you, Aizawa-san.
You gotta calm down a bit.
Though maybe you're right about my girlfriend.
Azuma.
You shouldn't jump to conclusions like that, man.

I'm happy you're both trying so hard to help me out...
...but it's no good fighting about it.

You're so nice, easygoing, broad-minded...
Caffeine-kun...
I think your girlfriend is in the wrong.
Well, yeah, she's the one cheating on me...


I sup-
pose...
...Aizawa-
san isn't
at fault
here, either.

Although I do
still think your
logic of "the
man is always
at fault" is
incorrect.
No,
no...
FIDGET
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I'm sorry
I got
angry at
you.
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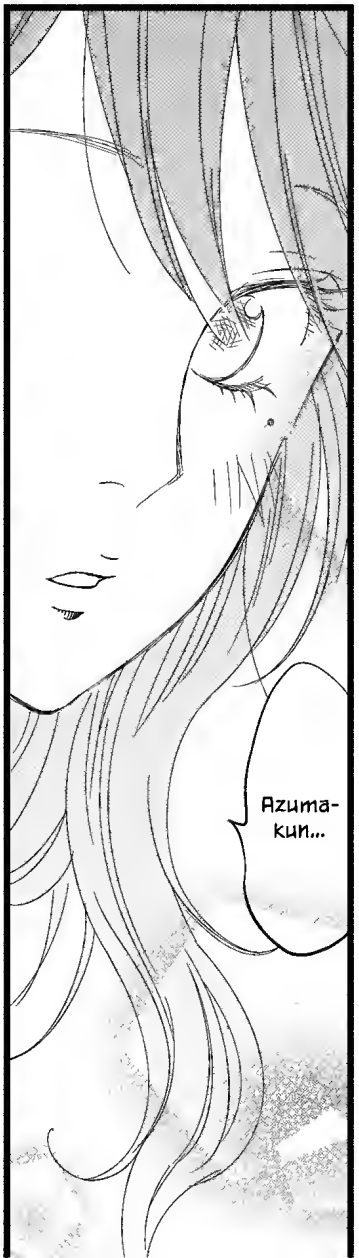
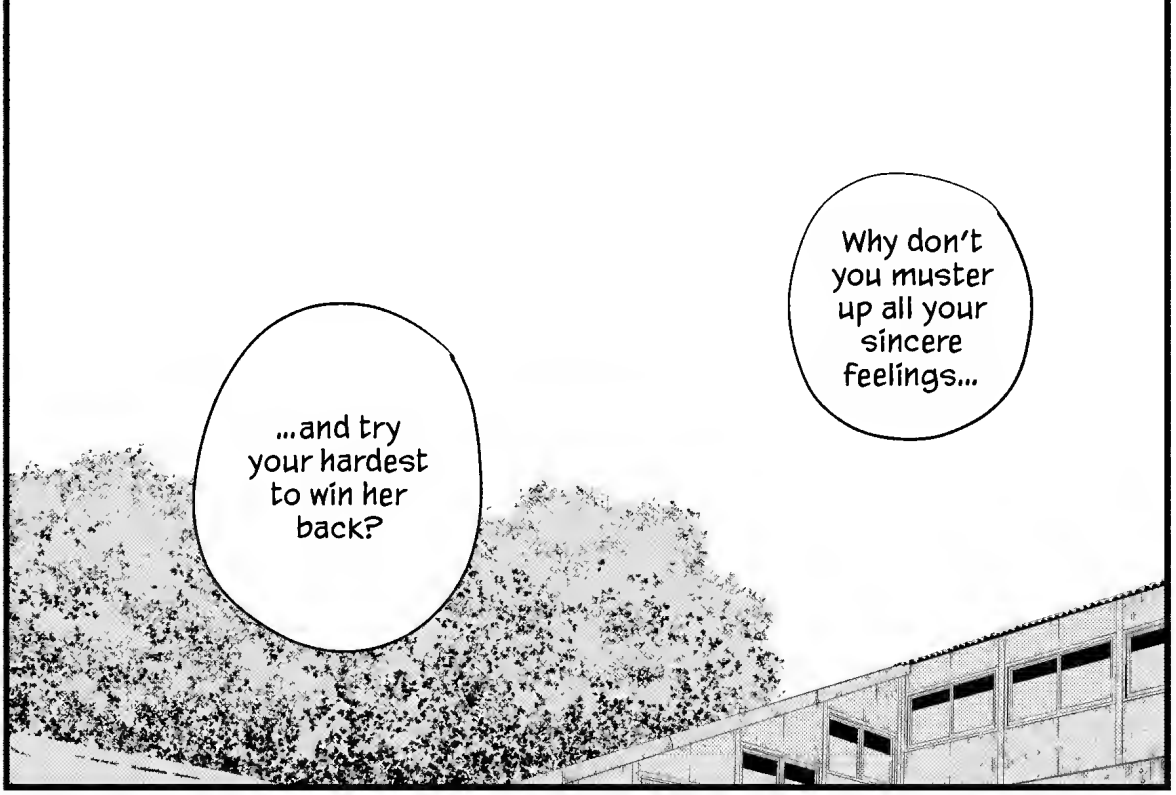
How
nice.


Azuma-
kun...

Caffeine-kun, you're a good person.
Yeah, you're a nice guy.
Since you're so nice,
I'm sure your girlfriend will choose you in the end!
There it is... Again with the "nice guy."
I hear that...
...an awful lot.
Well, I dunno.
I kinda feel screwed either way.
Ha ha ha
That's true. Neither outcome is great.

I wouldn't myself, but you still like her, right?
In that case...


Why don't you muster up all your sincere feelings...
...and try your hardest to win her back?

...
...Yeah.

I do still love her.

...
Yeah.
...
Best of luck to you!

Thanks. I'm feeling a lot better now.
I'm going to try having a talk with her.
Maybe there were some misunderstandings we can clear up.

I'm sorry I couldn't help much.
I wouldn't say that.
Anyway, I had fun.

I am kinda surprised Azuma has a female friend, though.
Oh, sorry. Got a text.

Sorry!
I'm dating Ryuji now, so I'm breaking up with you!
Let's hang out sometime?
Erina
Looks like he won out.
...
LOOKS LIKE SHE DUMPED ME.
REALLY?!

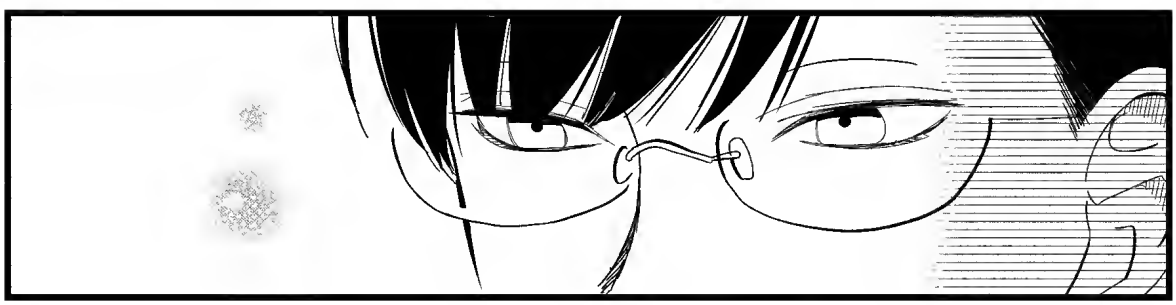
The train is now arriving on platform one.
WHOOSH
GOTOCK GATACK
Do you think he's going to be okay?
CRUSHED
へいわ台
Well... I wouldn't say he'll be okay, per se. He'll probably be a shambling corpse for a while.
I see... You're dating Ryuji now, are you? When did that happen? And, uh, who is Ryuji, anyway?
CRUUSHED
If it were me, I'd lose all hope and never even meet the eyes of a woman again.
...I think that's a bit of an overreaction.
It'll be fine.
He'll find a better girl eventually.
Someone like you.
Huh?
Huh?

Someone honest like you, and kind, and...
I mean-
...
Ah-
I-
No-
Whatever. It still makes me happy.
C'mon, Caffeine! Chin up!
SMACK
Ow!
Let's go home and throw a party.
Let's celebrate your newfound freedom from the "handmade goods" witch.
Oh, right, my cookies!
Maybe I should give them to him directly, after all?
C'mon, man! Gimme a break!
Shut up.
Let's get you home.

Never again will she deceive you like this.
Are you still on about that?
Her handmade cookies were to die for, man!
And after club meetings, they'd always be waiting in my locker.
Why would you put food in a shoe locker?
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING A SENSIBLE PERSON WOULD DO.
BRI RING
You think so?

Yo!
おはー
Morning!
Morn-in'!
はよー
Hey!
CHATTER
Hey.
Why're you two together?
Oh, I stayed at Azuma's last night.
Man! Invite me next time!
CHATTER
Hey, get a load of this.
Yesterday, I talked to Aizawa-san!
WHOA, REALLY?!
HOW'D IT GO, MAN?
Man, she is super hot!
And turns out, she's really nice, too!
I can't believe it! You gotta introduce me!
CRACK
GROGGY

They're handmade
Please eat them at your
earliest opportunity
-Azuma-

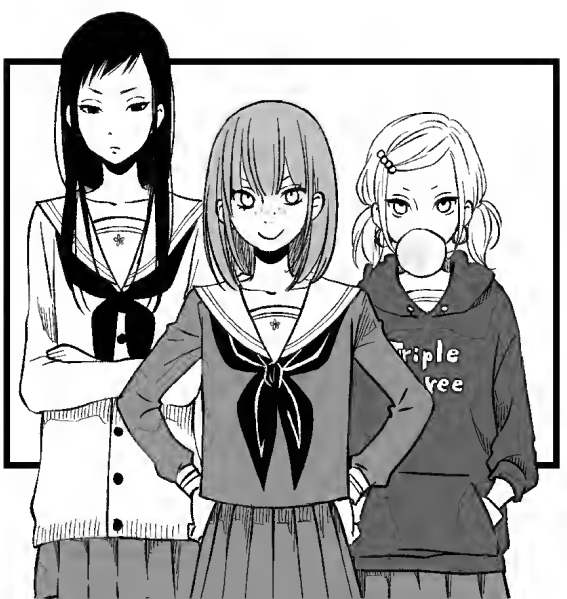


Before he knew it, he'd already wounded a young girl's heart.
Afterwards, Azuma mustered up all his sincere feelings and apologized.
Oh, so they were for you, Azuma?
You'd better apologize to her.
Wh— Why should I?!
Oh, man! Cookies in your locker!
Nice one, Shiro! You've wanted that since elementary school, right?
Who're they from?
Ah ha ha!
ドキ
BA-DUM
BA-DUM

*Upon this occasion, with truth and veracity do I wish to convey my sincere regret—

DERAILED
During the argument about texting...
That's beyond unreasonable. Are men supposed to be psychic?
How's he supposed to know what she's thinking?!
It's not hard if you just put yourself in the other person's shoes for a second.
For a moment, Aizawa's head was full of other thoughts.
...so what's going on now? Why do we keep meeting here?!
Well, okay, I'm just coming here on my own...
Obviously, you aren't trying to consider my feelings!
WORRY
WORRY

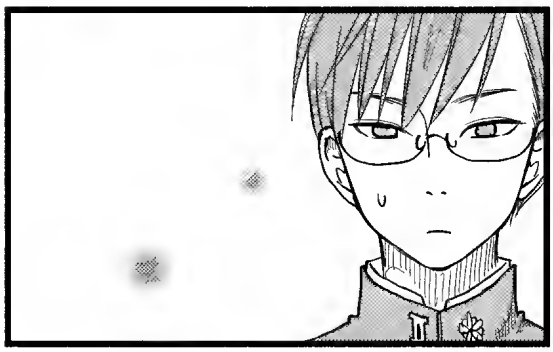
A man with no sense of the romantic
First of all, why are you even sending texts that can't be answered with a simple yes or no?



ep. 5 The Type Who Swells with Praise

キンコーン
DING DONG
Azuma-kun is usually slow in the morning.
Because he stays up late, he sleeps in late, as well.
Each morning, he arrives at class with less than five minutes to spare.
Yet he is never late to class.
CHATTER
You do your English homework?
Duh. Of course not.
Mornin'!
Yo, Azuma!
Morn-ing.
CHATTER
2-4
Hee hee hee...
You seri-ous?

Azuma!
Good morning.
Would you let me through?



Hold up a sec. What's with the attitude?
All I did was ask you to let me through.
Hmph!

Hmph!
TURN
PSH
PSH
PSH
Hm?

If I knew, I wouldn't need to ask.
And anyway, you were the ones blocking the doorway.
Why should we let you in with your attitude?
Ask yourself that, Azuma!
I AIN'T EVEN TALKIN' ABOUT THAT!
Huh?!
SCREECH
Why do you always let your emotions control you? Why not calmly explain using logic and reason and—
Okay, then what's with all of this?
Having another fight with the girls, Azuma?
JUST SHUT UP, YOU DUMBASS!
Morning.
SCREECH
YOU BASTARD! DON'T GO GETTING A BIG HEAD JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE KINDA CUTE!
Mornin'.

I still don't know what I did wrong!

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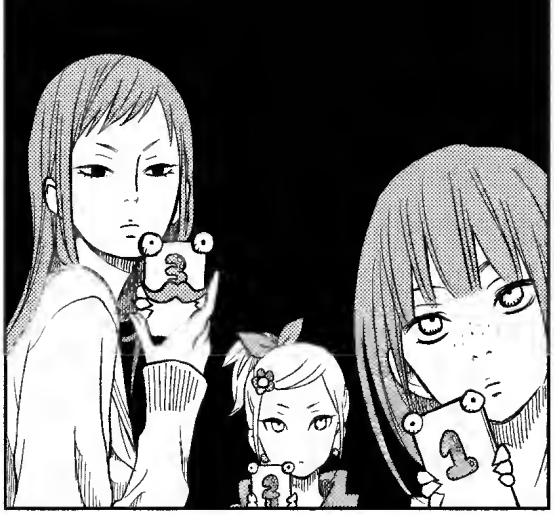
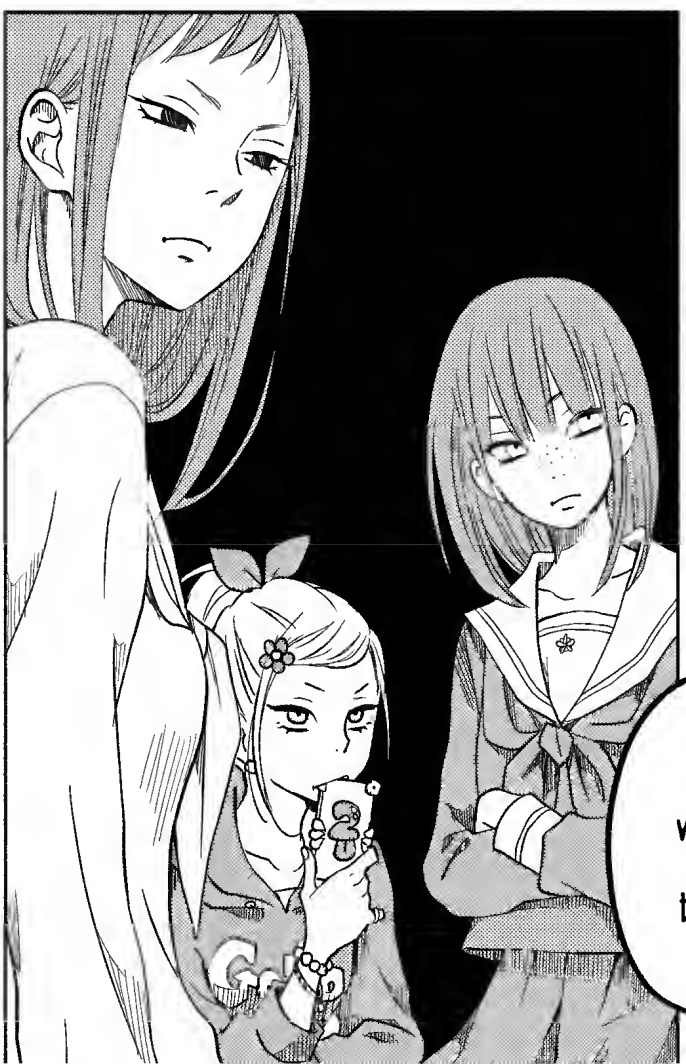
I saw the whole thing.
Nozomin~! Are you spying on another class again? Let's go!
Ah! Azuma-kun's having fun with the girls again!
BA-DUM BA-DUM
By the way, do you have a head-ache?
Oh, no, I was just tossing in my sleep. It's nothing.
Azuma-kun... I think...
...the reactions of the people around me...
...are a reflection of my own words and behavior.
You're saying I provoked them into doing that?
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
A woman's anger isn't about individual points on a line. It's the line itself.
Hey, Azuma!
For example, yester-day...
...they tried to talk with you, right?
Look! We got matching phone cases!
Yay!
They're cute, don't you think?



No...
...not really.

What about what happened afterwards?
They asked for my opinion, and I gave it.
What was wrong with that?



You should say something nice once in a while!
BZZT
BZZT
You really don't get girls, do you?

Me? Say something nice about you?

Why would I do that?

I witnessed the very instant their opinion of you hit rock bottom.
Okay, but they just suddenly asked me to say something nice.
What was I supposed to say?
Actually, that aside, I'm surprised you saw all that.
Could you tell me from where, when, and for what reason you overheard such events?
It's a coincidence.
Again, Nozomin? I'm gonna drag you away!
Still, that puts things into perspective. I guess they did have a reason to be angry.
And here I thought they just hated me.
That—
You're very popular with women!
That's not true!
...not that I'm gonna tell you that!
It'd be trouble for me if you realized!
HMPH!

I really don't want him to see me like this...
...but I can't give up talking with him!
If that's true, it at least gives me something to work with.
第42回
まつ
boing
CLAP

And here I am, too anxious to even talk to him at school...
Plus, today,
I just can't get rid of this bedhead!
ぴょん
90°
BOING

第42回
和牛まつり
Tell me, Aizawa-san.
What do you think I should do?
収穫祭

I don't want a pointless conflict.
I didn't mean for them to have to deal with any uncomfortable feelings.

Be kind?
the most important thing is to treat her kindly.
If you want to make friends with a girl,
OH!
W-WELL...

It's easy. Whenever a girl asks for your opinion...
...just say, "Looks good to me," "It really suits you," or "That's cute!"

There it is! Empathy again!
I... I see.
What matters is that you're empathetic to how the other person feels.
Whether it's true or not isn't important.
Is that... really kindness?

Just where is he getting all this stuff from?!
I... I think the way you responded rather than what you said was probably not all that great.
But girls always say, "Don't say things if you don't really mean it!" and "If you don't know, shut up!" and then get mad at me!

I-IT'S...
IT'S...!

Azuma-kun~! Sorry I'm late! Were you waiting long?
Look! I made pickles yesterday! Aren't they cute?

Okay. Let's... try to fix it.
Are you sure?
Okay. Let's practice a bit.

Good morning, Azuma-kun. ♡ I had a lot of fun yesterday. ♡
By the way, I did my hair a bit differently today. What do you think?
IT'S!
UM!
IT'S LONG!
Like "How are you?"
When a girl says, "Isn't it cute?" it's just like a set phrase.
Wrong!
You have to be nice by reflex!
Don't think before replying!
S...sorry. It just came so suddenly ...
Let's try another.
Aren't your demands getting a little unreasonable?!
Speak from the heart! Something that will make her happy!
What's the point in stating the obvious?!
That's not going to satisfy anyone!
Did something happen yesterday?
Plus, I'm a little curious about these scenarios...
"Worse"...
Is it really that hard?
You're... you're even worse than I imagined!

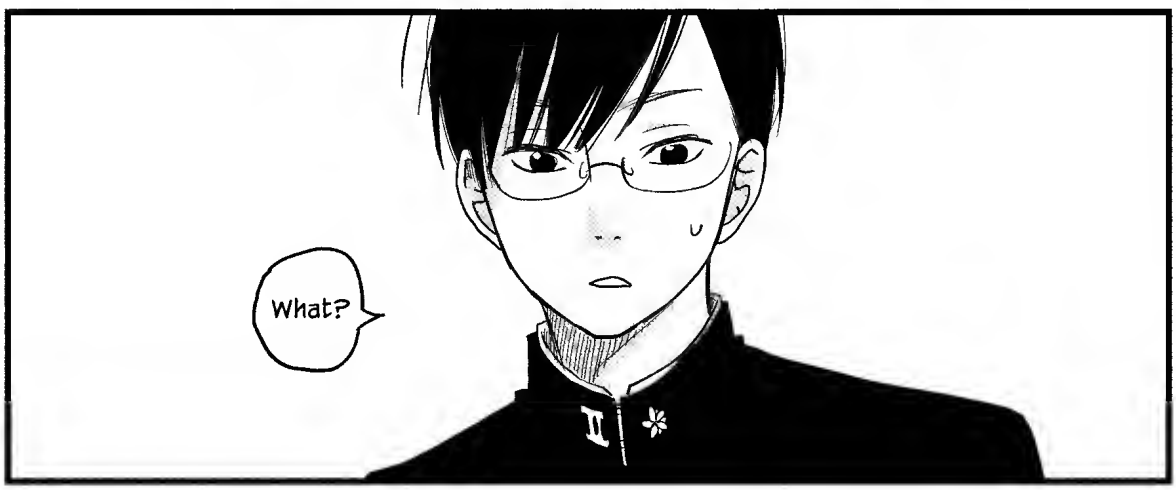
You don't have to put so much thought into this...
B...but, aren't you being rude to the other person if you say something without considering it first?
It's so thought-less!
Look. It's not like you aren't considering what you're saying.
Everyone gets happy when people say nice things about them.
Is it really that wrong ...
...to want to make someone happy?
...
Okay. Fine.
You just want an affirma-tion, right?

Your pickles look very tasty.
I had fun yesterday, too.
Oh, you changed your hair? It looks nice on you.
...
That's it!
That's it exactly!
See? You can do it if you try!
Great! You did it, Azuma-kun!
She doesn't need to praise me that much...
BLUSH

I love the light blue color!
Yes! That's it!
Isn't this coin purse cute?
I get it!
I changed how I parted my hair today...
You look nice!
Look! I bought a new bag!
It really suits you!
I get it now!
I didn't eat candy all day yesterday!
Splendid!
I ate some eventually, though!
A little candy is good for you!
It's pure logic!
It's nothing if not sensible!

Eeee!
NOW YOU'RE CERTAIN TO BE POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS!
GREAT!
YOU'VE GOT IT DOWN, AZUMA-KUN!
That's silly.
There's no girl in the world more charming than you, Aizawa-san.

BLUSH
What?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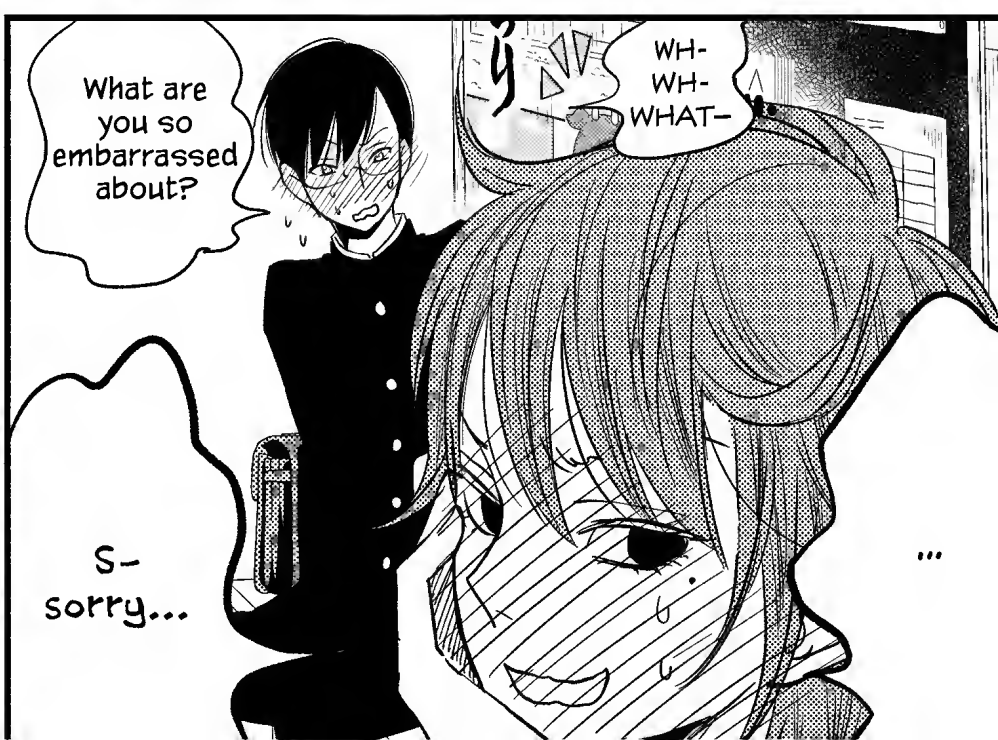
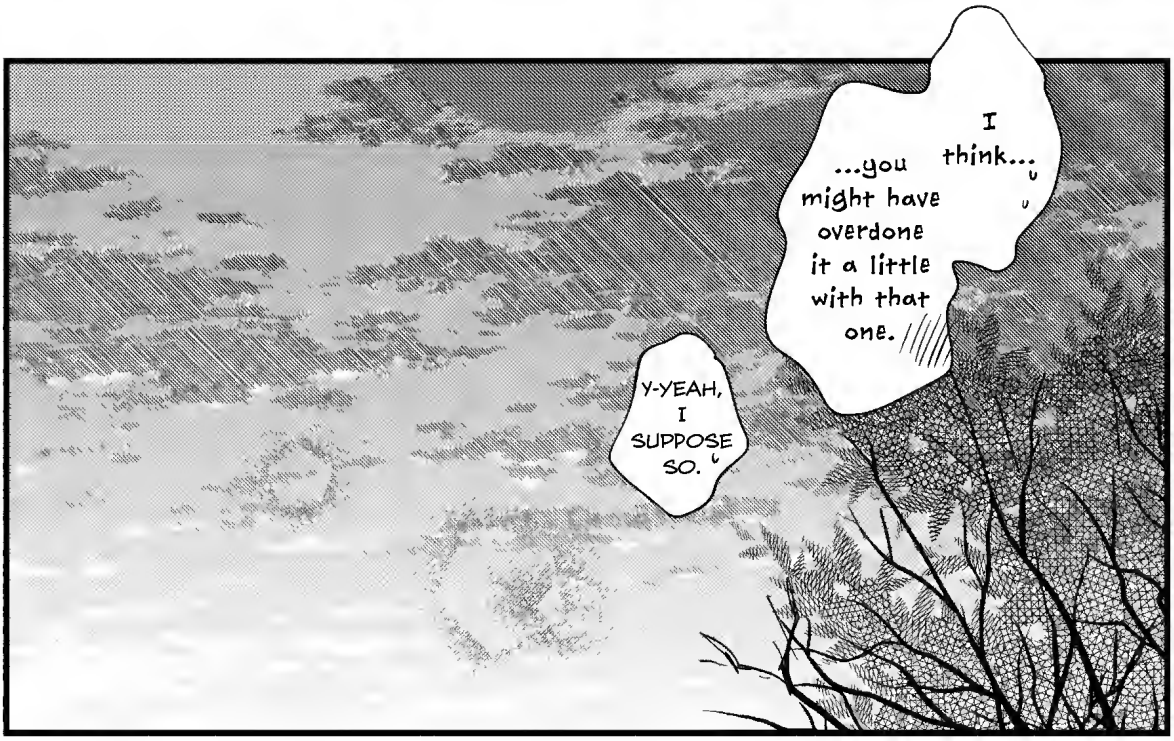
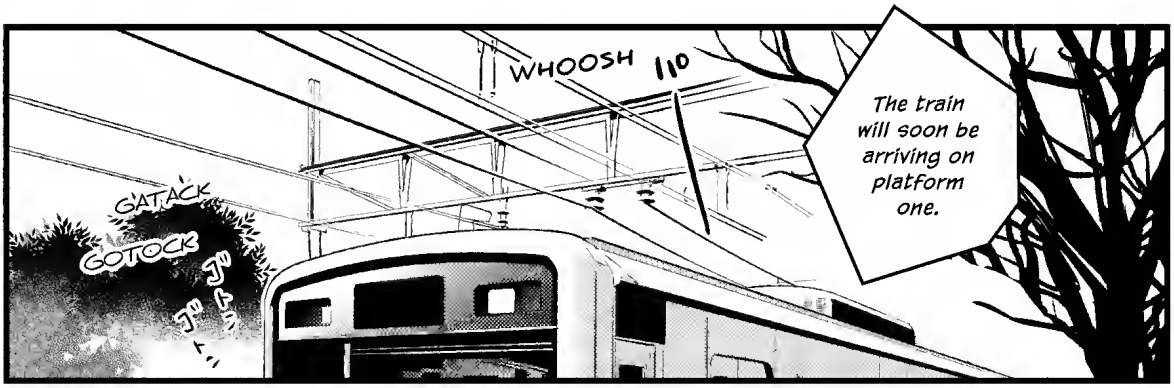
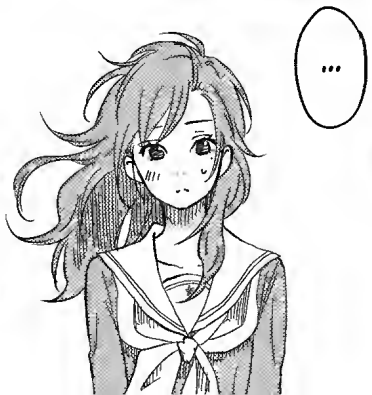

What are you so embarrassed about?
WH-WH-WHAT—
S-sorry...
...


I think...
...you might have overdone it a little with that one.
Y-YEAH, I SUPPOSE SO.


WHOOSH
The train will soon be arriving on platform one.
GATACK
GOTOCK
ゴトン
ゴトン

What time is it again?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ドキ
BA-DUM
ドキ
BA-DUM
Aah... that really surprised me.
It was supposed to be practice, but then he said my name...

L-later, then.
すたっ
しゃく
AWKWARD
Y-yeah.

...
Azuma-kun!
You know...
The reason the girls get mad at you...
It's because...
...they all love you, Azuma-kun.
You should...
...respond to their feelings.

...
...thank you.

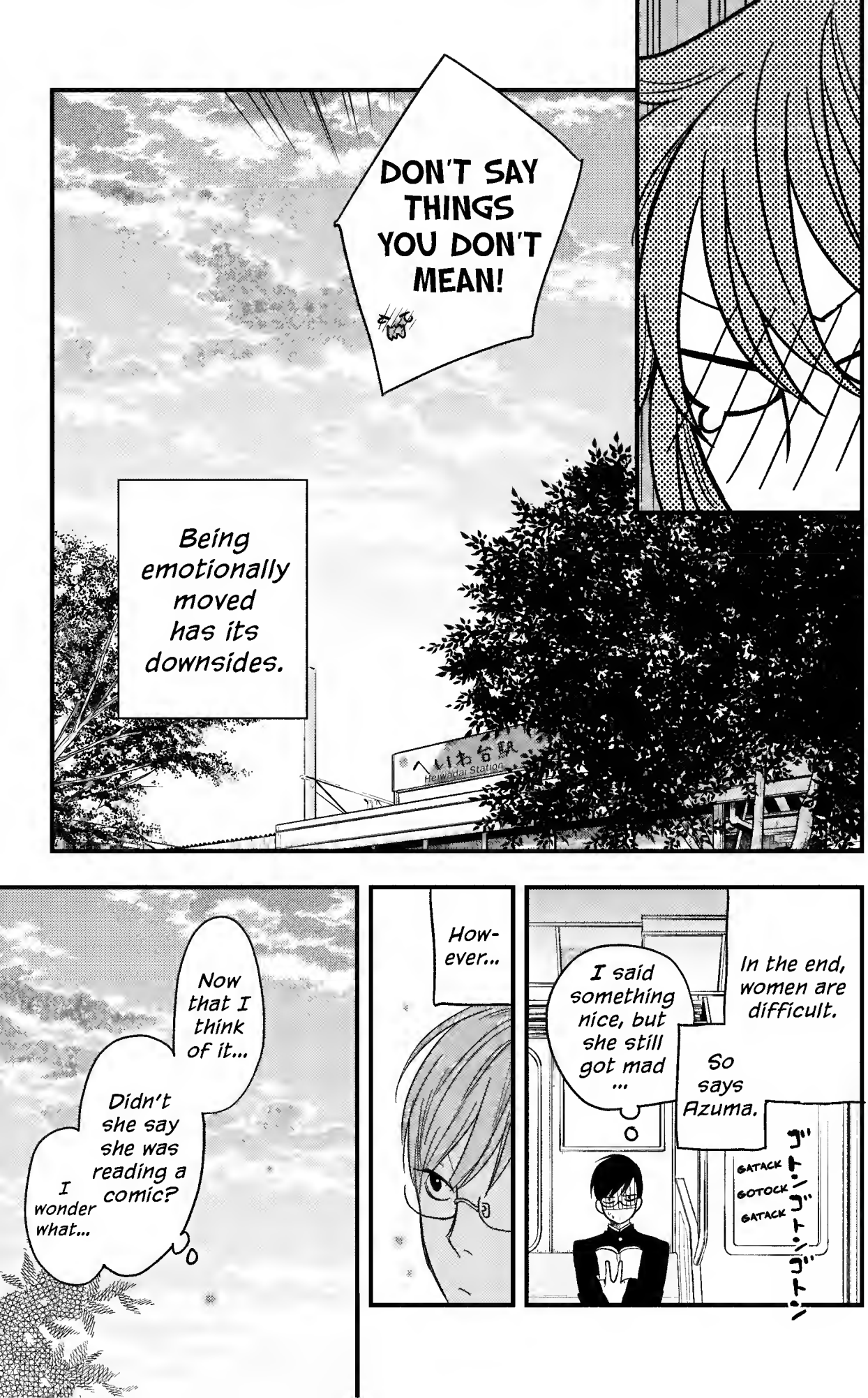
...
I see.
It's true.
Kind words make people happy.
But in my case...

...can penetrate my heart so easily?
Why is it that her words...
It's strange...
...I think it was because she said them.

You really were tossing in your sleep.
Ha ha ha...
You were right.
Hm?

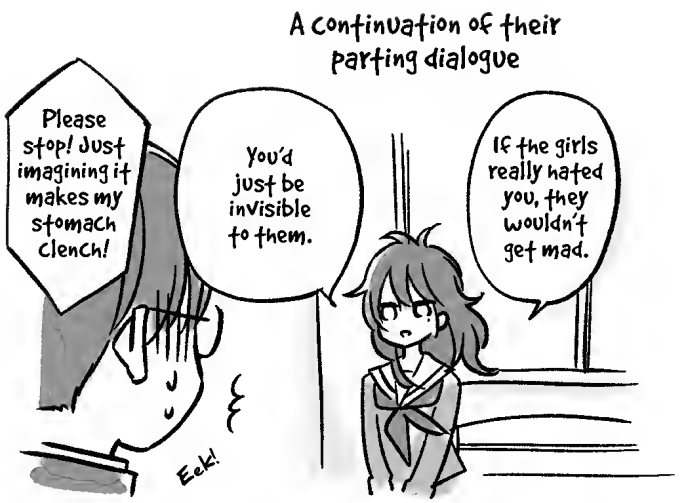
Totally forgot
Hm?

...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
N–
NO, WAIT!
I MEANT, IT'S CUTE!
The doors are now opening. Please remain behind the white line.


DON'T SAY THINGS YOU DON'T MEAN!
Being emotionally moved has its downsides.
へいわ台駅
Heiwadai Station
In the end, women are difficult.
So says Azuma.
I said something nice, but she still got mad ...
GATACK GOTOCK GATACK
ゴトン・ゴトン・ゴトン
How-ever...
Now that I think of it...
Didn't she say she was reading a comic?
I wonder what...

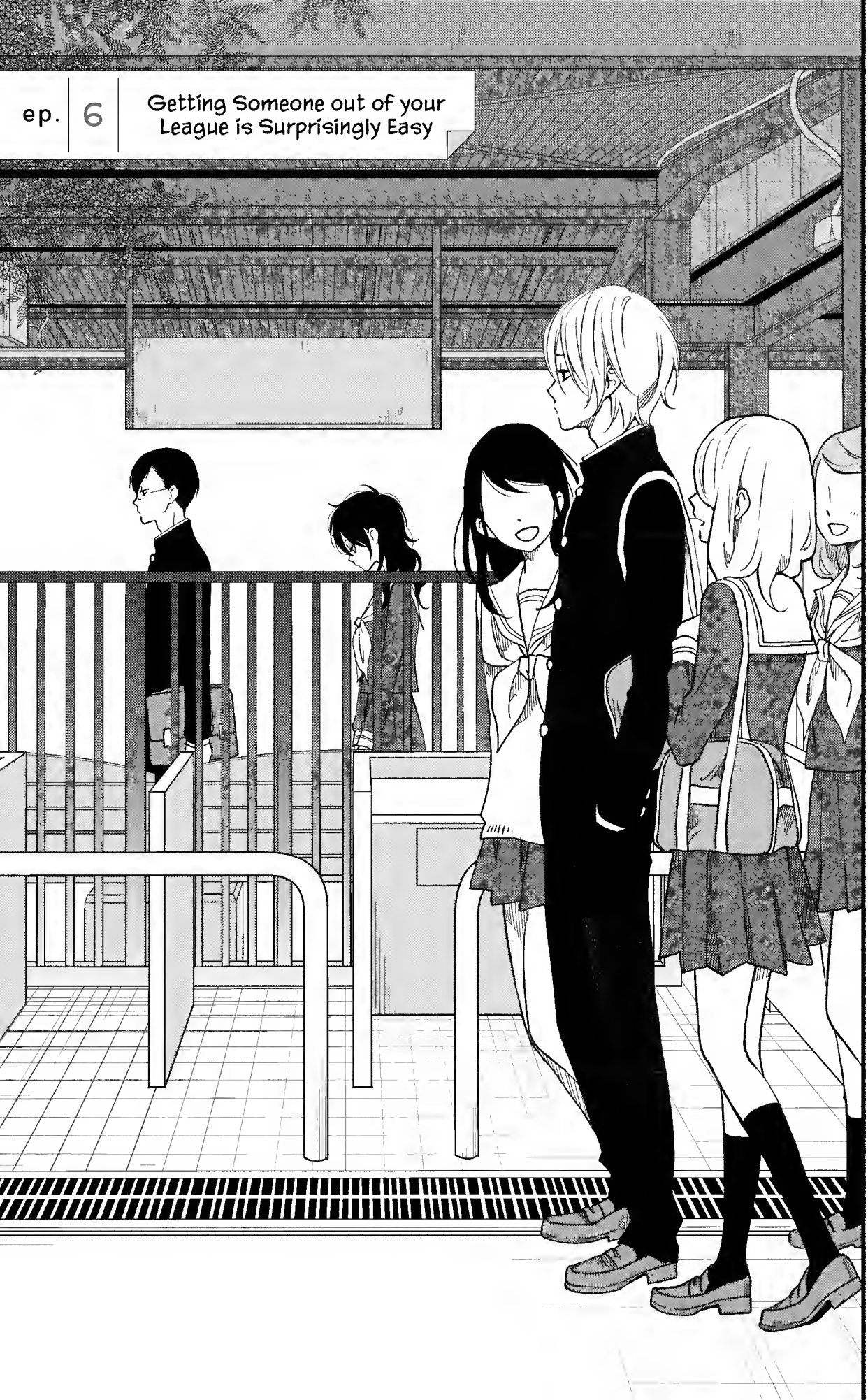
GATACK
GOTOCK
ゴトンゴトンゴトンゴトン
I'll ask her tomor-row.
At school.
Little by little...
...he continues to mature.
GATACK
GOTOCK

You're really killin' it today, Azuma!
In the end, it worked.
Like, totally!
Omigod, what's this? A new snack?
It's soooo good!
The next day...
...Azuma tried to empathize with the girls to the utmost.


A continuation of their parting dialogue
Please stop! Just imagining it makes my stomach clench!
You'd just be invisible to them.
If the girls really hated you, they wouldn't get mad.
Eek!

MORE OF THE NEXT DAY
I wanted to talk to her...
...but I can never seem to find Aizawa-san at school.
I wonder who Azuma-kun is looking for?
She's right behind you.
ANXIOUS

Huh? Aizawa-san?
What, really?!
Well, I see her all the time.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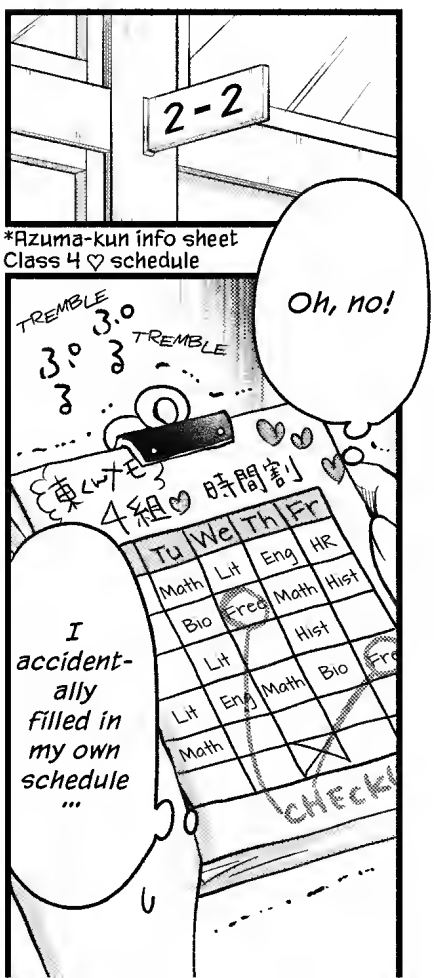
Getting Someone out of your League is Surprisingly Easy

CHATTER
ガヤ
Voice. Mannerisms. Speech patterns. Looks.
Within five seconds of meeting someone, you either fall for them, or you don't.
Tamaki-kun!
CHATTER
ガヤ
Tamaki! ♡
Tama! ♡
...are more or less beyond anyone's control.
The qualities people possess that make others fall in love with them...

It's an irresistible instinct.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*Azuma-kun info sheet
Class 4 ♡ schedule
TREMBLE
3.0
TREMBLE
Oh, no!
4組 時間割
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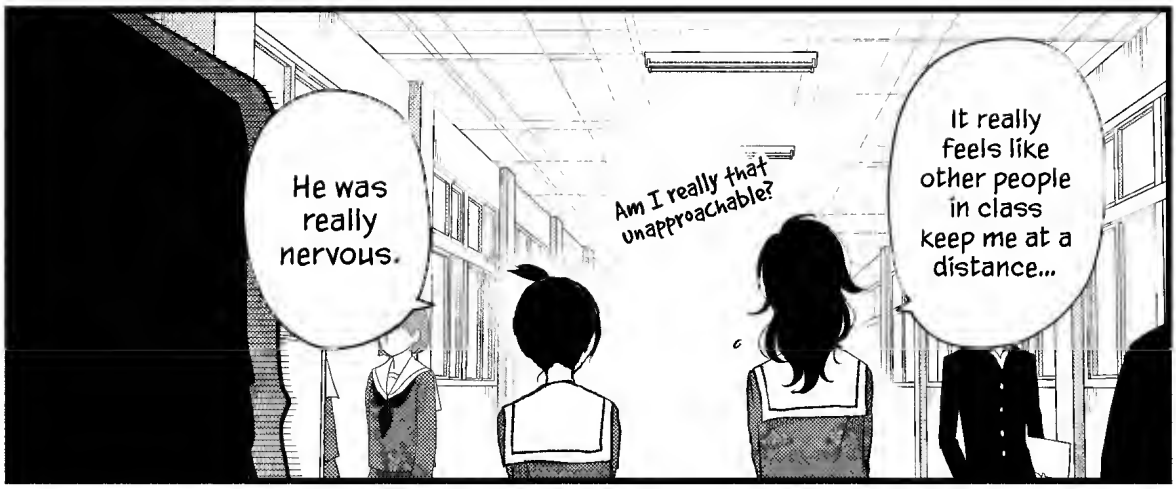
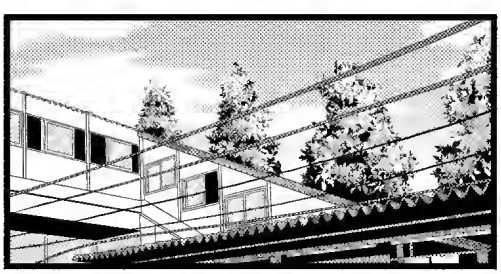
HR
Math Lit Eng
Hist
Bio Free Math
Hist
Lit
Bio
Lit Eng Math
Math
I accidentally filled in my own schedule...

Next up is what I look forward to the most, something that only comes around twice a week.
It's Azuma-kun's—class four's—physical education class!
They're doing judo today!
¥98
I know a great vantage point on the second-story walkway...!
H... Hamarin! We have music next! Let's go!
CLATTER
Hm?
Okay.
V.V.
着まわし1ヶ月!!
愛され目ぢから
必殺ベスト10
*Mix-and-Match Month! Top 10 Tricks for Love-Stealing Outfits!
Oh!
どんBUMP
I'm sorry! I wasn't paying attention!
Oh, no.
Don't worry.
It's fine, really.
You don't need to apologize, Aizawa-san.


He was really nervous.
Am I really that unapproachable?
It really feels like other people in class keep me at a distance...

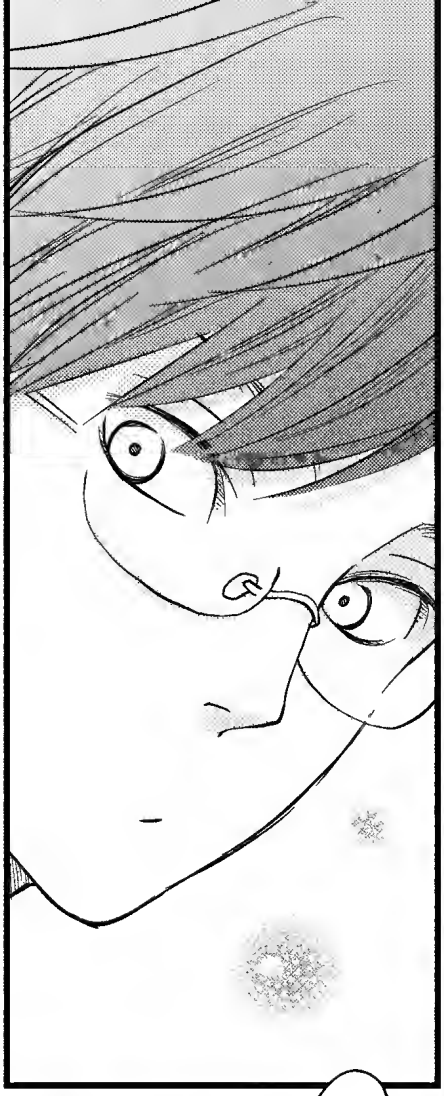
Excuse me...

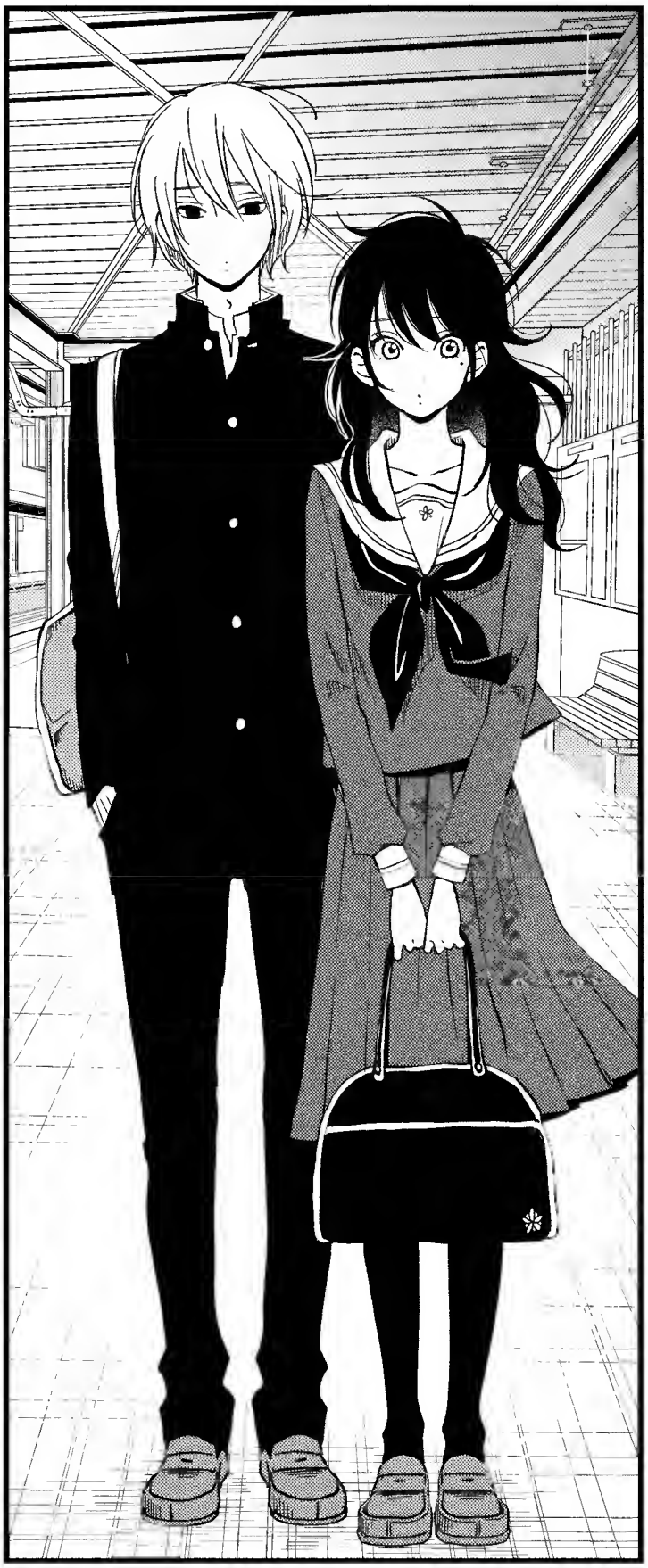
Though I buy good food, if it spoils before I eat, I'm a poor person
by Kayo Tōno of Kochi Prefecture
I turn a
you
From you
luscious, flowing hair comes a sweet fragrance
by Yuu Sakuma of Tokyo
by Emi Su
of
メイプル
メイプル
A sweet, trembling love could happen anytime!
*Maple



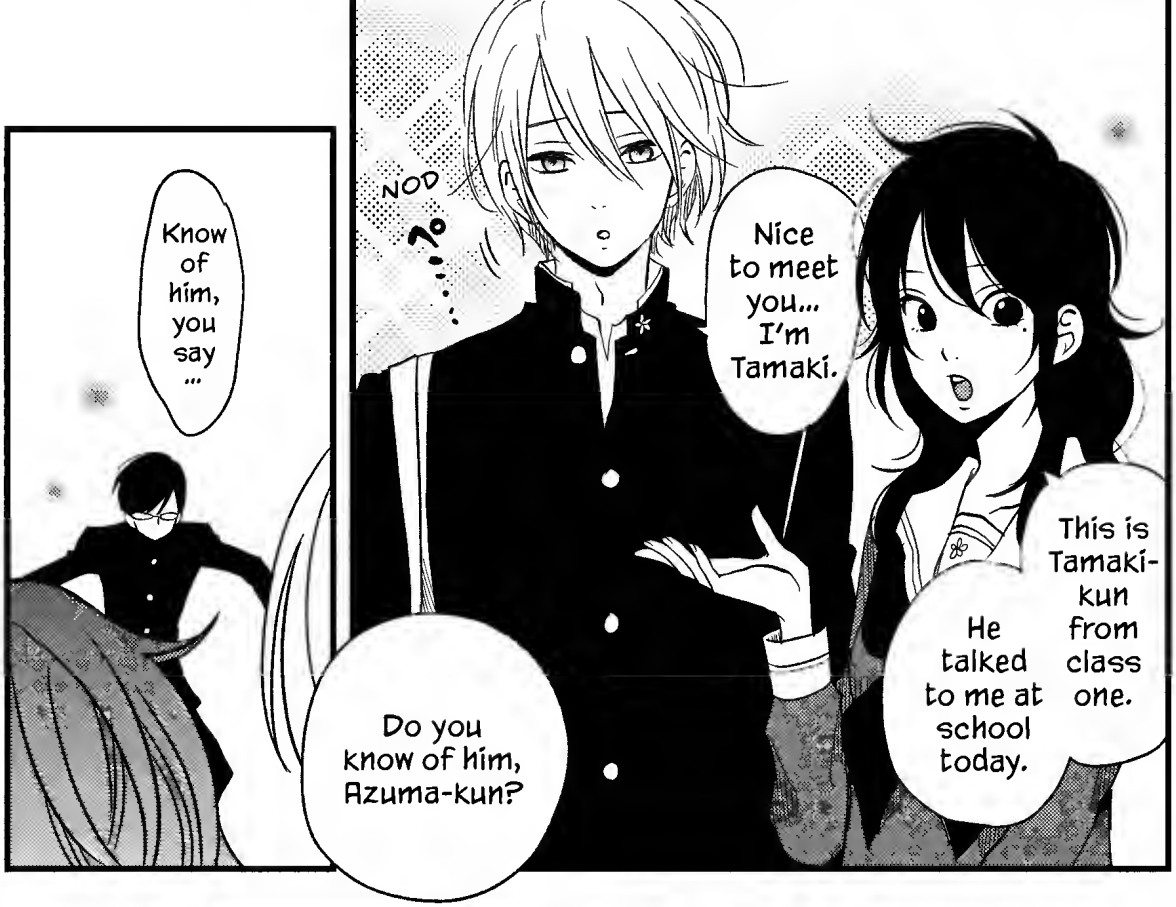
Trembling Love!
I love you!
Right now...
...I'm the happiest!

But the author is being wishy-washy.
If it were up to me, Nonomi would like not just the male lead, but also background characters boy A and boy B, and on top of that, boy C and boy D would themselves be in love with Nonomi!
That would be sure to sell millions!
The new characters should be involved, too. You have to make a strong impact!
Ed.: This is just Azuma-kun's opinion.
Wow... This new character, Miss Gachiko Yumemi, is great.
CLAP
THROB
The main character, Nonomi, is really good, too.
I'll give them my impressions tomorrow.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
They may have forced me to read it, but it was good.
The train has arrived on platform one.
Well, whatever.
I'll head home.
BRIIING
Azuma-kun!
She's usually here long before now...
*Today's Haiku
今月の俳句
穫祭





Oh, I'm sorry.
Were you about to leave?
... No.
It's fine.
I can always catch the next one.


This is Tamaki-kun from class one.
He talked to me at school today.
Nice to meet you... I'm Tamaki.
NOD
Do you know of him, Azuma-kun?
Know of him, you say ...

The girls in my class are always screaming about him!
Nickname: The King!
HE'S KAZUOMI TAMAKI OF YEAR TWO, CLASS ONE, A.K.A. THE "HAREM CLASS," ISN'T HE?!

HUH?!
That makes me happy.
Oh... so you know who I am.

Tamaki-kun told me...
...he really wanted to be friends with you, Azuma-kun.

In the confusion, she nabbed the seat next to Azuma-kun.
...I see.
今月の俳句

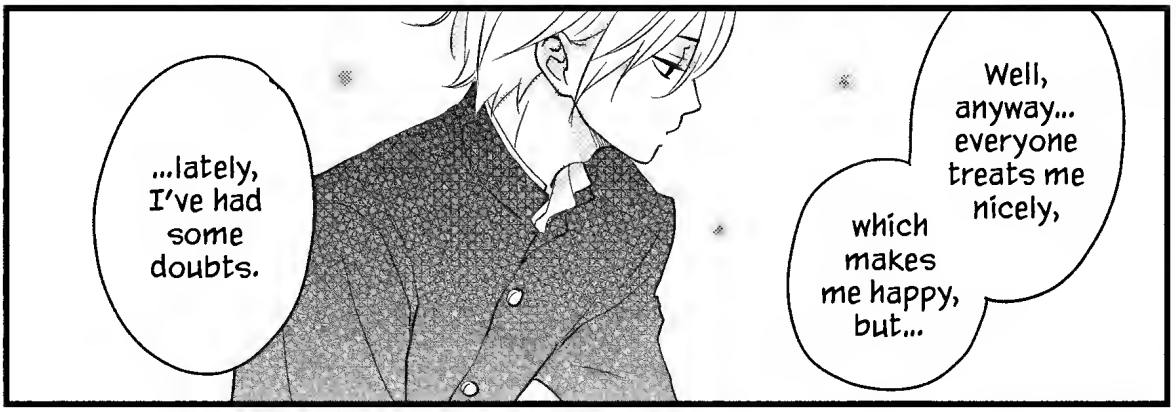
So, Tamaki...
What does the most popular boy in school need from me?

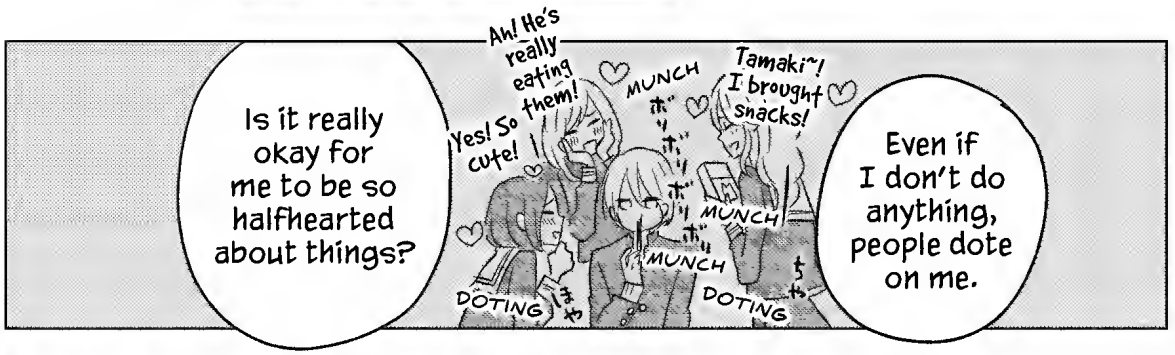
Well... "need" is a strong word.
I was just wondering if we could chat a bit.

Chat?
Yeah. Like you said,
I'm basically "Mr. Heiwadai," right?
へいわ台

I don't get it...
When I'm next to them, all I want to do is run away.
Aah!
I'm sitting way closer to him than normal!
ドキドキ BA-DUM BA-DUM
...

I'm... really self-conscious, you see.
Um... uh... I'm sorry. Didn't you know?
BLUSH

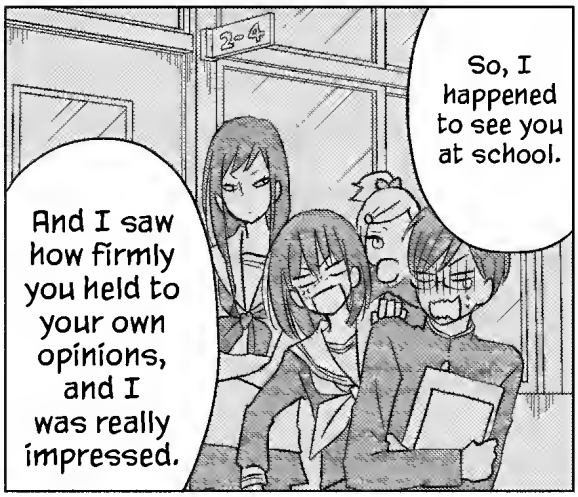

...lately, I've had some doubts.
Well, anyway... everyone treats me nicely,
which makes me happy, but...


Is it really okay for me to be so halfhearted about things?
Ah! He's really eating them!
Yes! So cute!
MUNCH
Tamaki~! I brought snacks!
MUNCH
MUNCH
DOTING
DOTING
Even if I don't do anything, people dote on me.

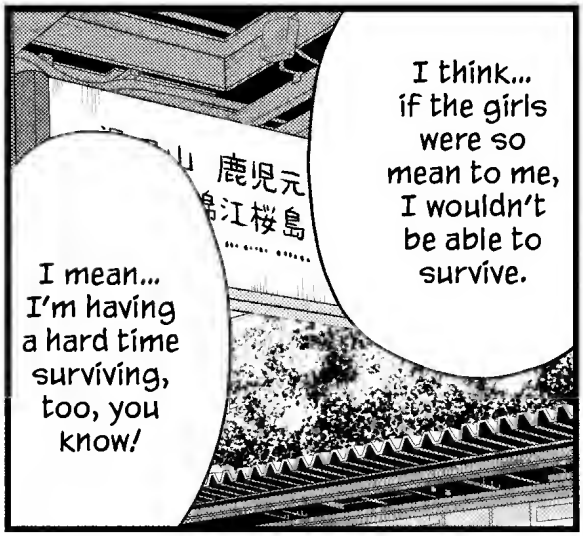
Well... the reason we get surrounded is different ...
He's so innocent...
This kid is so innocent...
It's tough being popular...
So I worked up my courage and asked Aizawa-san.
I thought we might be able to talk out here...
Anyway, we're both always surrounded by a crowd of girls, so there's not much opportunity for us to talk.

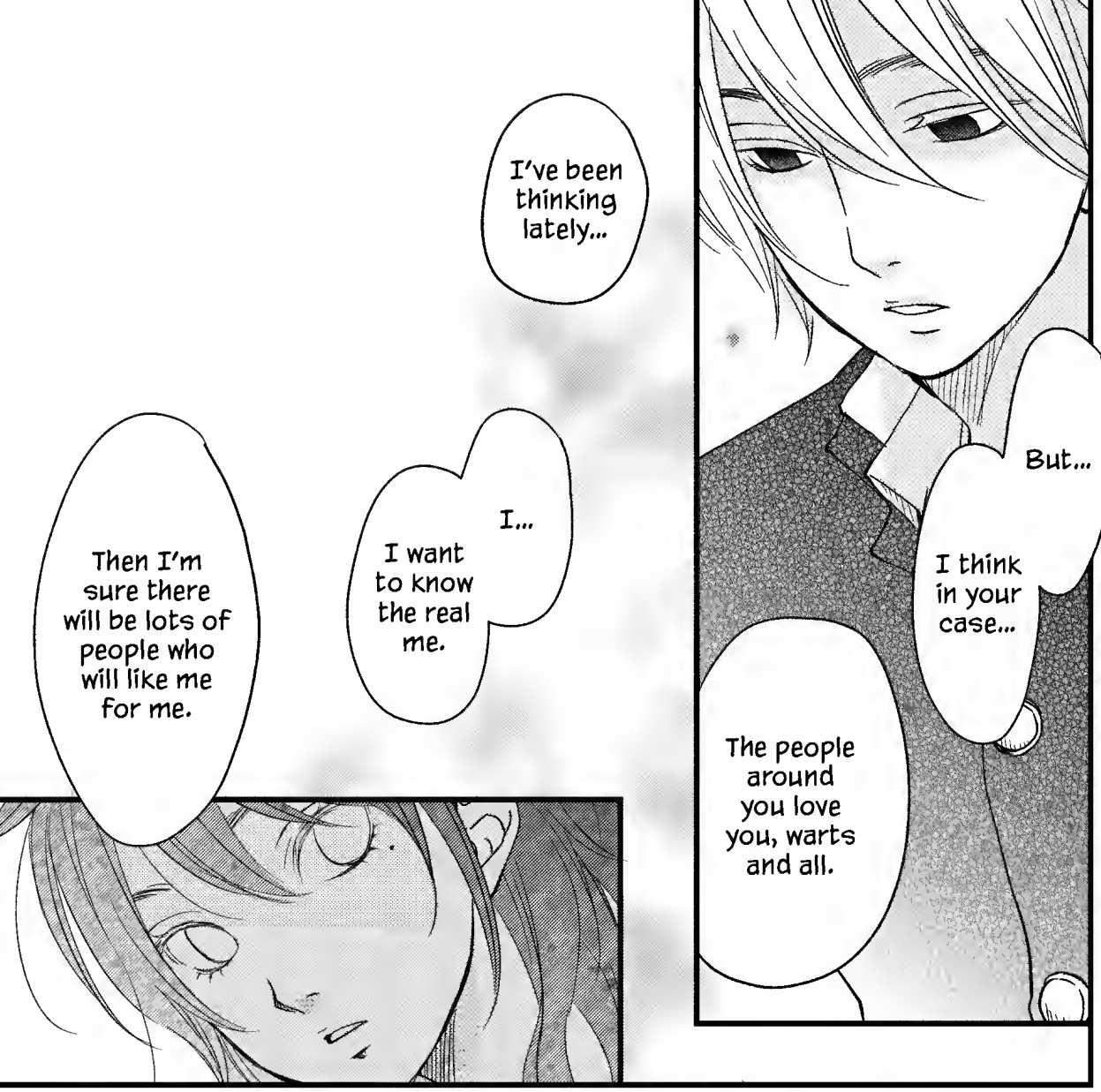
...I don't get it.
If you think you don't deserve it, why not get up and leave?
And what does that have to do with me?

Well... the situation is...
Right now, even if I don't do anything, I get showered with attention.
I've never been able to assert myself.


So, I happened to see you at school.
And I saw how firmly you held to your own opinions, and I was really impressed.

You're so wishy-washy!
If I can, I'd really like to live as the real me...
But to be honest, I don't know who the "real me" is.
穫祭
今月の

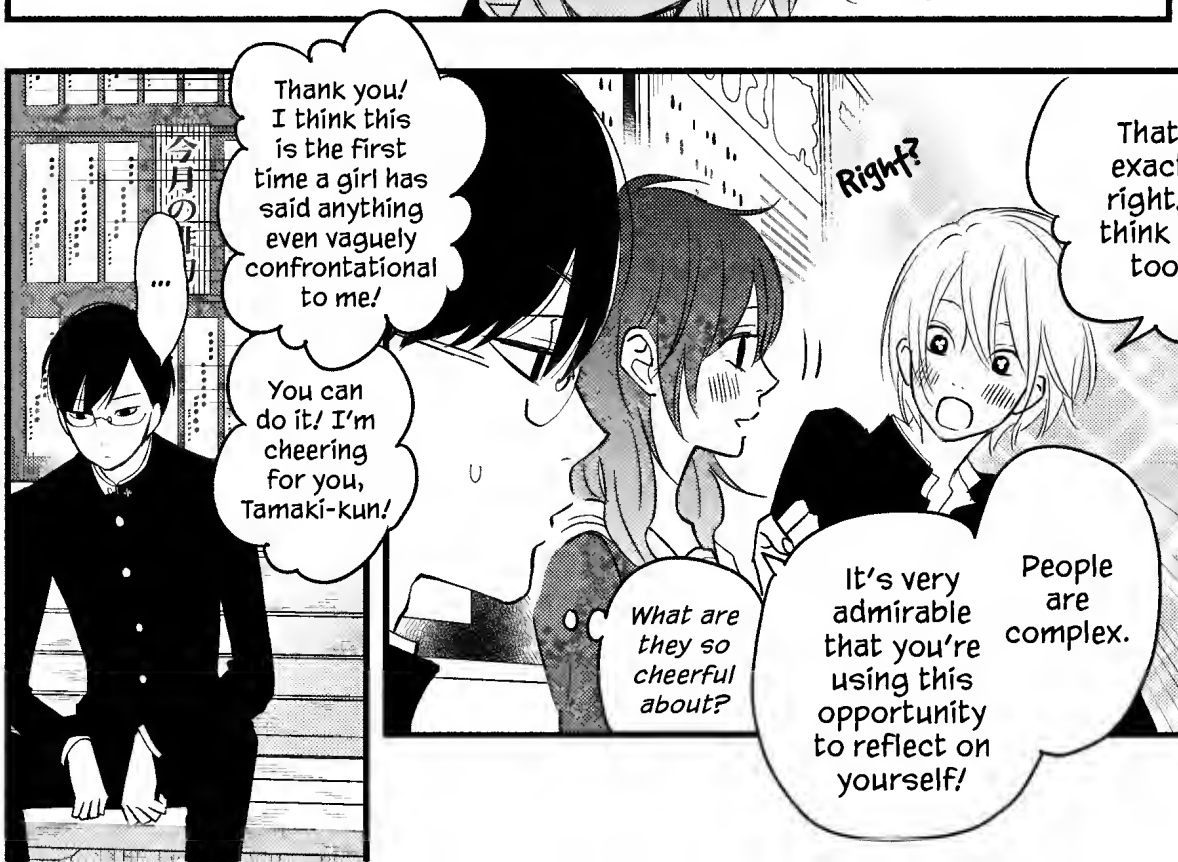

I think... if the girls were so mean to me, I wouldn't be able to survive.
I mean... I'm having a hard time surviving, too, you know!


I've been thinking lately...
But...
I think in your case...
The people around you love you, warts and all.
I...
I want to know the real me.
Then I'm sure there will be lots of people who will like me for me.

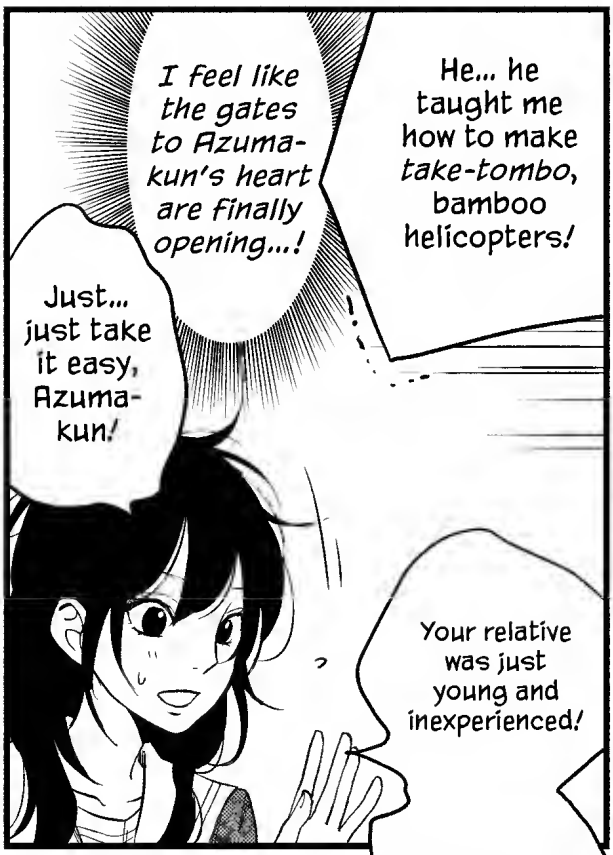
Which, um, brings me to my point.
I thought if I had you by my side, I'd be able to capture that special something. That's why I'm here.
I see. It seems like you've never been through any serious hardships.
Nothing other people didn't deal with for you, at least.

It's true that the only time you can really profit from looks alone is while you're young.
A... Aizawa-san?!

You want to switch with him.
Right, Tamaki-kun?
Aizawa-san?

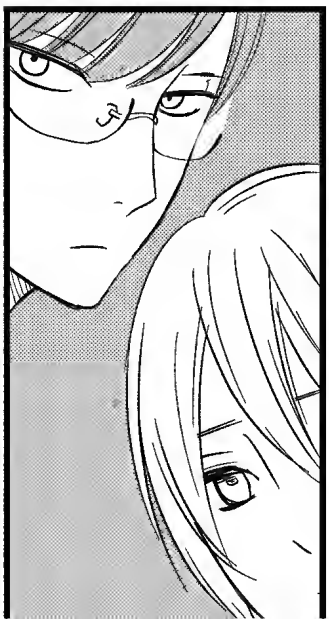

Thank you! I think this is the first time a girl has said anything even vaguely confrontational to me!
...
You can do it! I'm cheering for you, Tamaki-kun!
What are they so cheerful about?
Right?
That's exactly right! I think so, too!
People are complex.
It's very admirable that you're using this opportunity to reflect on yourself!

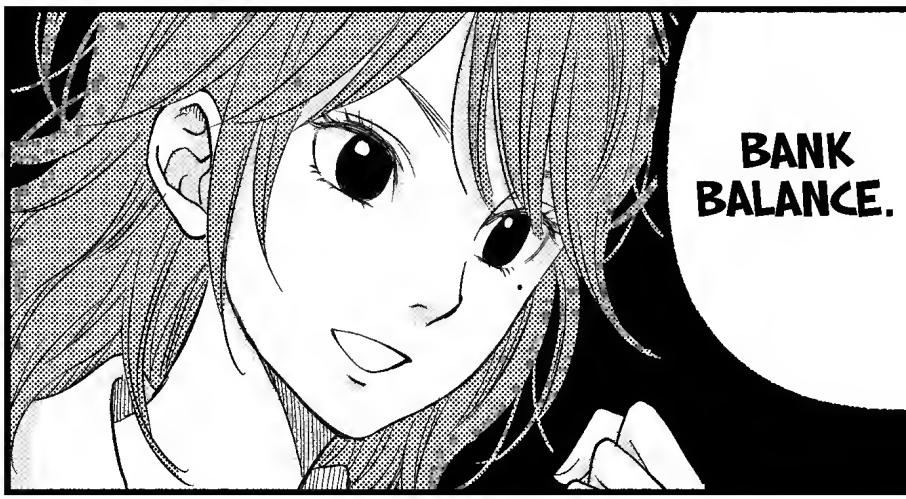
MUMBLE
But, realistically...
Girls only go for guys with good looks.
Once, when I was in elementary school...
...an older relative of mine who was in high school at the time told me this:
"No matter how shitty he is on the inside..."
"...as long as I like how he looks, it's okay."


I feel like the gates to Azuma-kun's heart are finally opening...!
He... he taught me how to make take-tombo, bamboo helicopters!
Just... just take it easy, Azuma-kun!

At around the same time, an older neighbor I was friends with...
...had a bad breakup with his girlfriend.
The reason she gave was... his looks "just weren't there."
ざわ...
MURMUR
Even though...
...he was such a nice guy...!
MURMUR
ざわ...

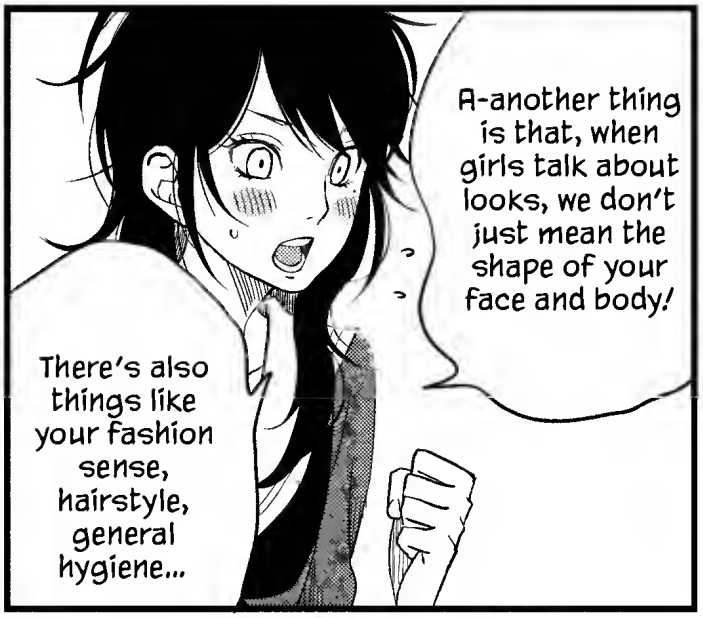
Your relative was just young and inexperienced!
I'm sure that, as she grew older, she came to realize there are more important things than looks!
キっ
SNAP
MORE IMPORTANT THINGS? LIKE WHAT?! NAME ONE!




BANK BALANCE.

*Approximately 50 cents

Wait a minute... Wouldn't doing that immediately wipe out a bank balance?
IS THAT REALLY SO BAD?!
I WANNA RACK UP A HUNDRED MILLION YEN DEBT!
I WANNA THROW MONEY AROUND LIKE A CELEBRITY!


A-another thing is that, when girls talk about looks, we don't just mean the shape of your face and body!
There's also things like your fashion sense, hairstyle, general hygiene...

Damn it! So it's down to looks and money.
How excessively blunt of you!
Wait a minute!
There's one last thing that women find even more important when they're choosing a guy.
What? Now you have another hurdle for us to clear?!
KINDNESS.

Can you girls even tell when a guy is being nice to you?!
BZZT!
BZZT!
WHAT A LIAR! NICE GUYS ALWAYS GET DUMPED IN THE END!
Yeah. I agree.
IF THAT WERE TRUE, WHAT ABOUT CAFFEINE? WHAT ABOUT MY NEIGHBOR?!
Okay. Okay. I get what you're saying.

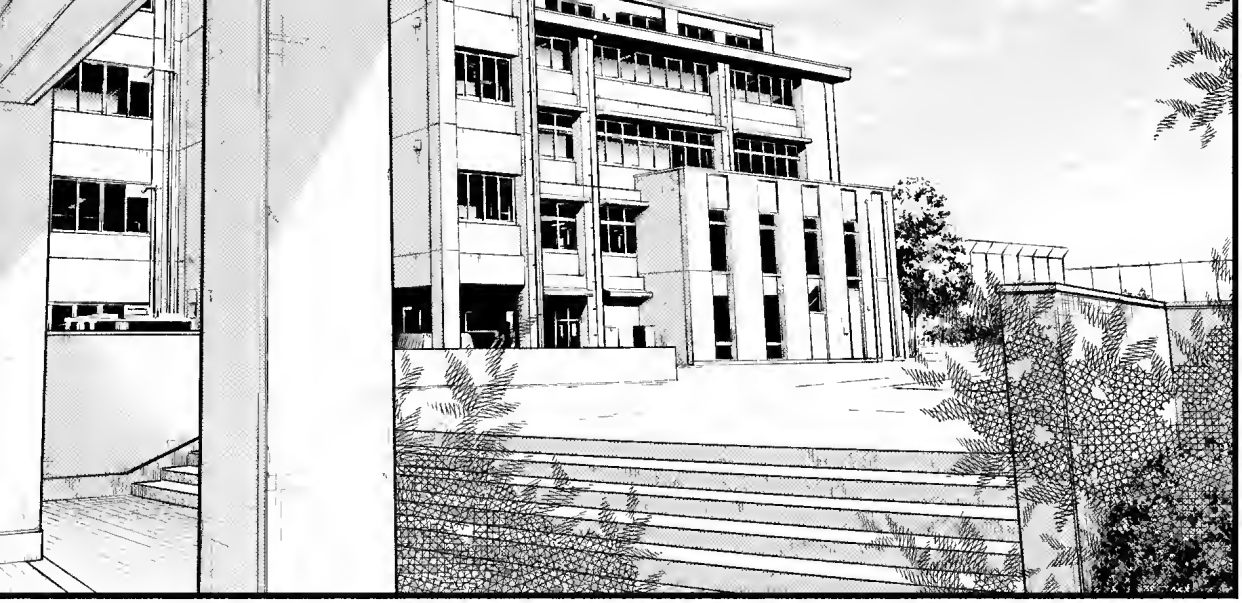
While it's true that a girl probably isn't going to love you just because you're kind...
...that doesn't mean kindness isn't important.
The real goal with someone you love is a trusting relationship built on mutual love, right?
You can't do that with a cold-hearted person.

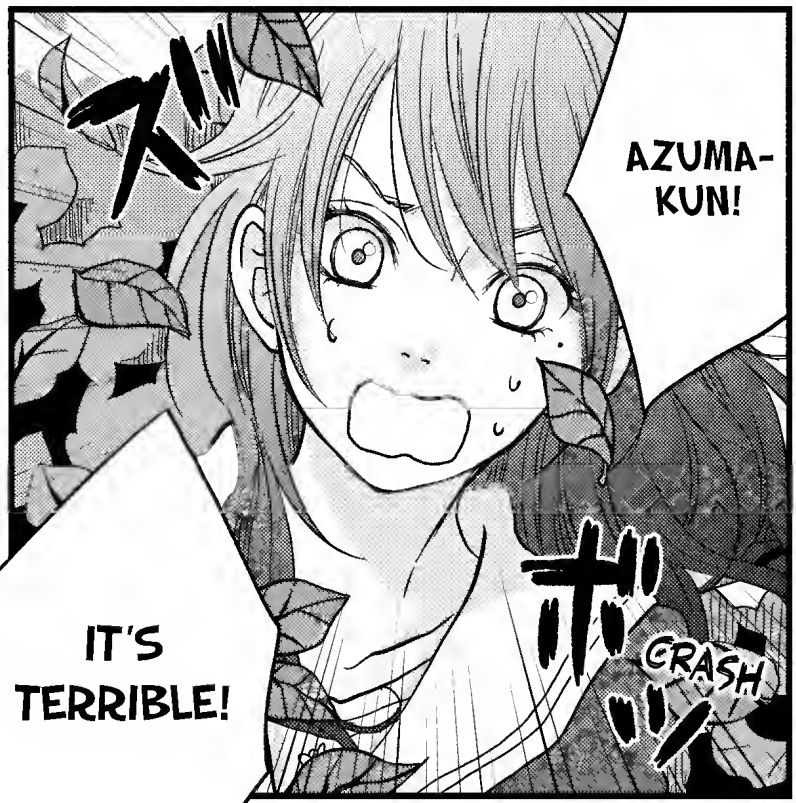
Well... when you put it that way...
It's obviously true.
The train is now arriving. Please wait behind the white line.
Oh! The train is already here.
You really are a good kid, Aizawa-san.
S... so...
Oh, were you not listening, Azuma-kun?
I said Aizawa-san is a good person!
What do boys look for in a girl?
I heard you the first time!
Shut up!
Maybe I'll learn what Azuma-kun likes...!
What we like? Hmm...
...
Wanna ride together?
Oh, are you headed into the city?
Sure.

FACE, BOOBS, AND BODY.

...
You're scum!
How dare you accuse women of being shallow for caring about looks...
...when you yourself view women like that!
It's not like we can help it.
Shh! Quiet, Tamaki!

Visual stim-uli...
I'M SORRY!
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, VISUAL STIMULI HAVE A LARGE IMPACT ON OUR IMPRESSIONS!
LOOK! THAT'S NOT IT!
WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT'S INSIDE MATTERS, TOO!
RUMBLE
ILLILBRILL
ILLILLING
ALSO, EVEN IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOOKS, A MAN'S STRIKE ZONE IS GONNA BE PRETTY LARGE...
SO NOW YOU'RE SAYING JUST ANYBODY WILL DO?!

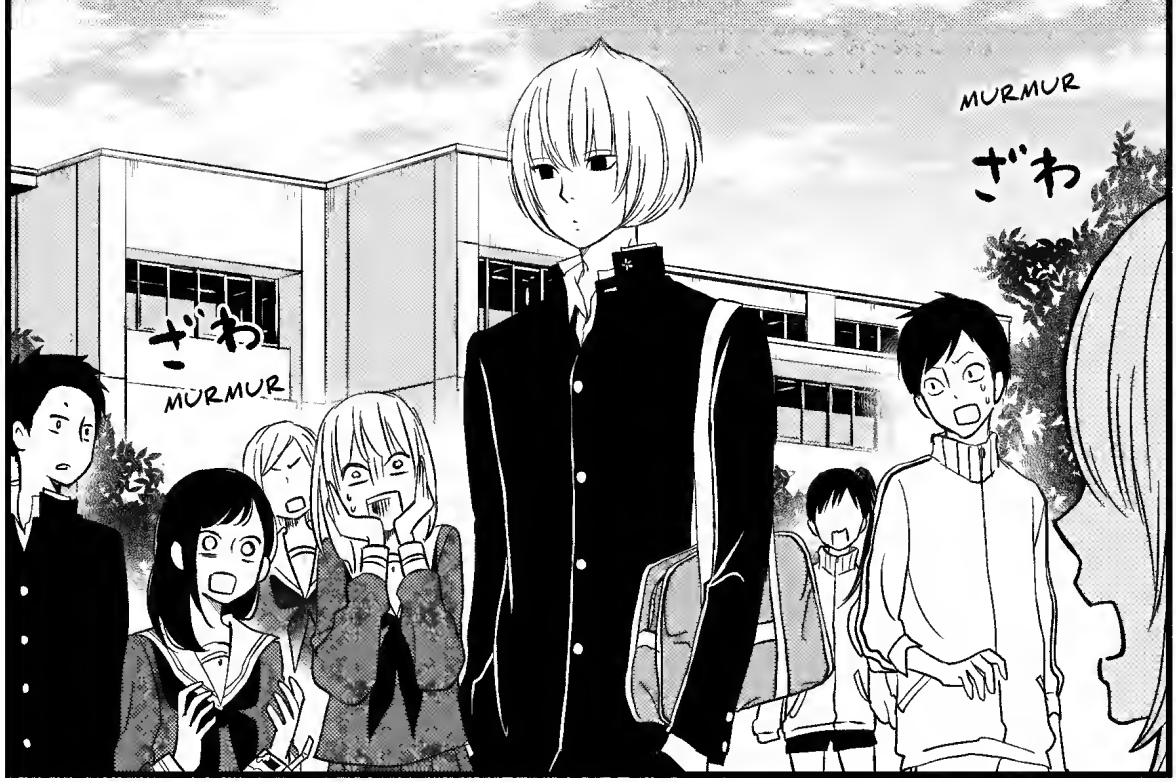




IT'S TERRIBLE!

LOOK AT THAT!

*The Secret Garden


MURMUR
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Aah!
H...HEY... WHAT HAPPENED TO TAMAKI'S HAIR?!
What happened to my Tamaki?!
Thanks for yesterday.
You said that appearance holds the most influence...
...so I decided to start by changing my look.
Oh!
Hello, you two.

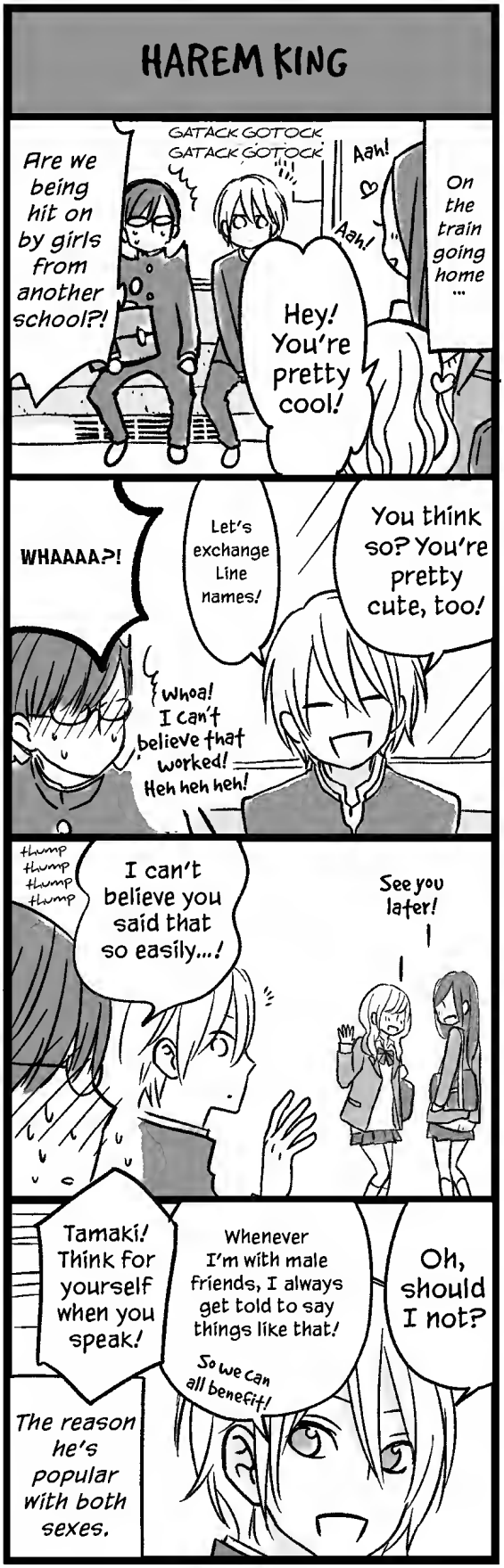
That's all. See you later!
Oh, and Azuma... I'll bring that female teacher thing we talked about on the train next time.
S... SURE. THANKS.
Really well?
I think this suits me really well.
It really feels like I've taken the first step towards discovering myself.
...I think he might've gone too far.
My love is being tested...!
our Tamaki...!
I'M GONNA STICK WITH THIS FOR A WHILE.
HEY! TAMAKI! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HANG OUT WITH THE OTOWA GIRLS TODAY!
WHAT'S WITH THAT HAIR?! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR GIRL BEACON!
Their conversation surrounded the academy's prince and his somewhat strange hairstyle...
Tamaki! Aah! Aah!
Oh, no... I feel like we just did major damage to our school...
WELL... IF HE LIKES IT, WHO CARES?

Azuma-kun was looking for me?
Oh, right. You said something like that before.
That I was hard to talk to here.
When?!
Whenever I think about talking to you here, I can't ever track you down.
...and you're always surrounded by other people...
BLUSH
That's... that's true. It's been a while.
I just get so nervous at school...
Now that I think about it...
...it's been a while since we talked at school.
WHOOSH
How about ...
Well, then...

From tomorrow onwards...
...I'll eat lunch out here.
And if you like, you can come talk to me anytime.

WHOA.
WHOA.
WHOA.
WHOA!
ザワザワ
MURMUR
ザワ
MURMUR
Why's that hottie Aizawa...
...chatting so pleasantly with Azuma of all people?!
NAH.
THUMP
スタ
C'mon, Tamaki!
Go back to the old you!
How selfish can you be?!
You spoiled brat!
スタ
THUMP
Our Precious Conversations continues!
The school life chapters begin now!
To be continued in volume two!

While folding Azuma's handkerchief, Aizawa-san pretends to be his girlfriend.
The scenario: While listening to the troubles of a friend, the housewife sits beside her husband and folds laundry.
handkerchief


HAREM KING
Are we being hit on by girls from another school?!
GATACK GOTOCK GATACK GOTOCK
Aah!
Aah!
On the train going home ...
Hey! You're pretty cool!
WHAAAA?!
Let's exchange Line names!
You think so? You're pretty cute, too!
Whoa! I can't believe that worked! Heh heh heh!
thump thump thump thump
I can't believe you said that so easily...!
See you later!
Tamaki! Think for yourself when you speak!
Whenever I'm with male friends, I always get told to say things like that!
So we can all benefit!
Oh, should I not?
The reason he's popular with both sexes.

You're free next Saturday afternoon... Is a four-on-four good with you?
His manager
Great! They took the bait!
I picked up that S girl for you!
Chips

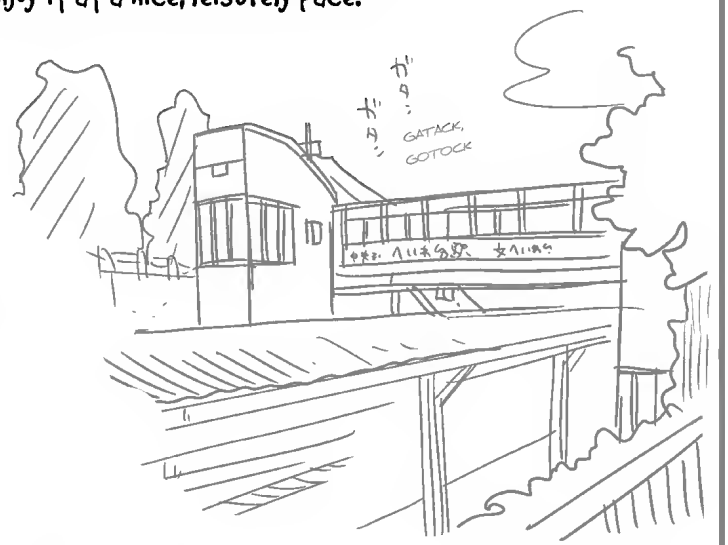
Afterword

Thank you very much for purchasing *Our Precious Conversations*, volume one!

While this is a comic with a lot of text, I hope you can read and enjoy it at a nice, leisurely pace.

The station where Azuma-kun and Aizawa-san converse, Heiwadai Station, is based on Sanguubashi Station on the odakyu line. I really like unique places bursting with local flavor.

I took a ton of reference photos, but I don't know if Heiwadai Station will even make an appearance in volume two, so it might have been a waste.



*Central Railway, Heiwadai Station, Into Heiwadai

Heiwadai High School notes

The class that Tamaki lords over as king. For some reason, both the boys and the girls treat him well.

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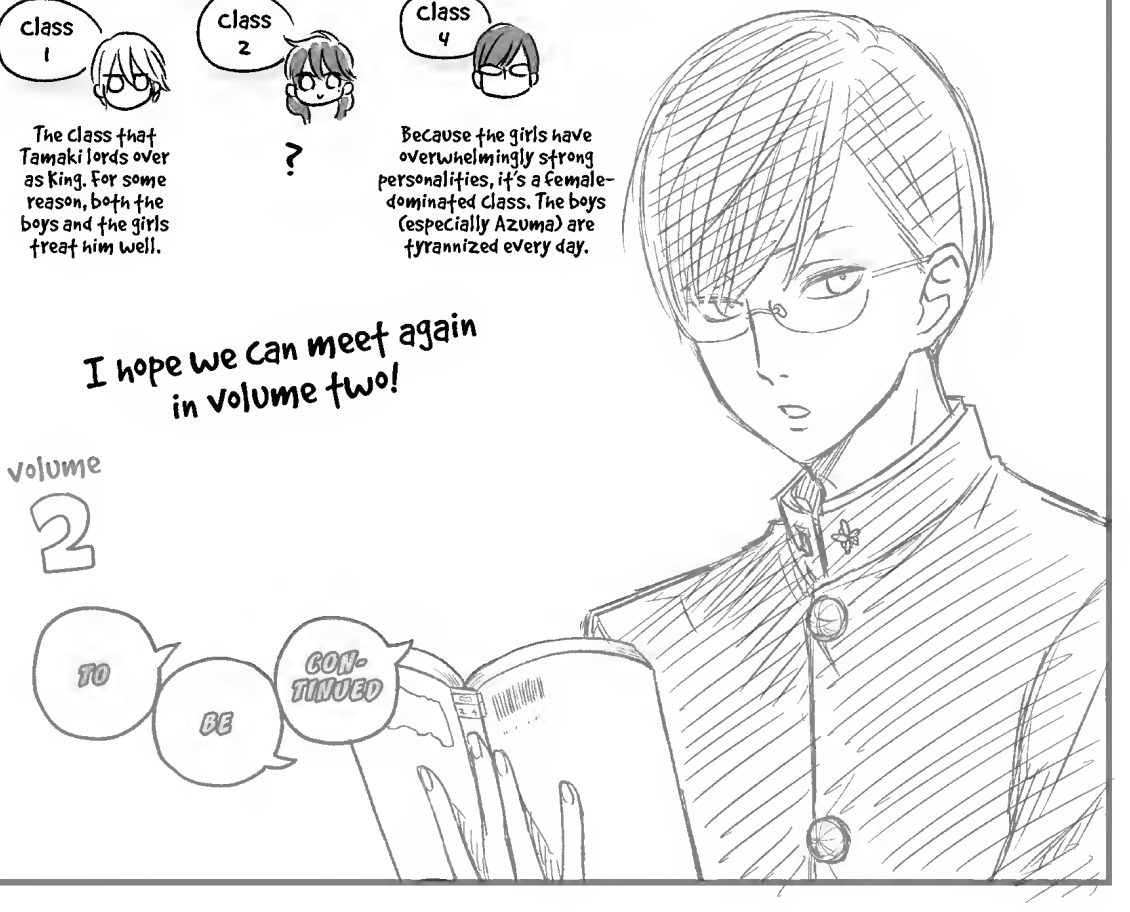
Because the girls have overwhelmingly strong personalities, it's a female-dominated class. The boys (especially Azuma) are tyrannized every day.

I hope we can meet again in volume two!



In the next volume of Our Precious Conversations...
Hey, Azuma-kun...
Do you think, in volume two, our relationship might progress a little more?
SIGH
...so, the time has come.
EXCHANGING PROMISES.
At first, you want to politely pretend to ask for advice in order to get close...
...until, when I let down my guard...
BA-DUM!
Th-that wasn't what I meant!
No, I get how you women operate.
...you say, "But you promised!"
AND INSTANTLY, I'M THE BAD GUY!

I'm more than happy with how close we've grown already!
As for what I will or won't do in volume two...
...I refuse to make any promises!

NOW THEN...

What will happen when the school-focused volume two introduces new characters?!

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